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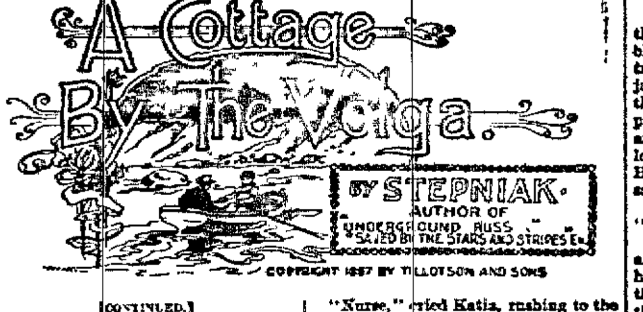
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CHAPTER VII.

She came in, sweet and gentle, and gave him a friendly handshake.

"How do you do?" she began. "It is such a long time since I saw you! Well, what do you want to say to me? Tell me, please. And why did you not let me know before that you wanted to speak to me? I would have come down sooner if I had known."

"I thought—I was afraid you would not like it. It seemed to me that you avoided me."

"I? Avoid you!" she repeated in surprise. "What for? You have done me no harm."

"No, indeed, indeed, I have not and never will," he said passionately, "but I have been accused before you of"—

"You? I don't understand. Who has accused you of anything?"

"You remember that letter yesterday?"

"Well?"

"Do you remember that the name 'Sosnin' was mentioned?"

An expression of disgust passed over Katia's face.

"Do you mean the man that got Vania into trouble, that betrayed him?" she asked.

"Who was shamefully slandered, who was accused of it," Vladimir burst out. "I am that Sosnin."

"You!" Katia cried out, involuntarily glancing over him with a peculiar look.

"Yes, I," he repeated. "I could not bear to go away without clearing myself from the charge of being the cause of your misfortune. It was I who won your brother over to our ranks, that is true, and I am proud of it, but I have been in no way the cause of his arrest, either intentionally or unintentionally."

He looked straightforwardly and confidently into her face and waited for her to speak, but she stood silent for a moment, knitting her brows in concentrated thought.

"Have you not brought him to destruction by the very fact of winning him over?" she said presently, raising her eyes to his.

He did not shrink under her steady look, and an inner fire leaped up in the depths of his gray eyes.

"We are all going to our destruction, Katia—Katerina Vasilyevna"—he corrected himself—"and we are going to it with our eyes open—he and I and all of us. In that lies our strength. In that are the greatness and glory of our calling, and in that is the pledge of our victory," he added, with rising passion.

Katia listened silently. She felt in these words the breath of something warm and dear to her. They reminded her of the Christian martyrs.

"I understand," she whispered. "I am not angry with you. But does that help me? All the same, we have not got Vania any more. I thought, after what you told us, that he had come to life again for us—and now, instead"—

She let her arms fall hopelessly, and tears glistened in her eyes.

"Don't talk like that," Vladimir said, coming nearer to her. "Why should you despair? It was my fault for upsetting you. Forgive me. I was talking in general terms, not about your brother individually. To be arrested need not mean to perish. I know his whole past thoroughly. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, against him that can bring him to anything worse than Siberia. And as for Siberia—oh, why didn't it come into my head to tell you before—from Siberia one can escape. Escape!"

He paced excitedly up and down the room.

"Listen to me, Katia," he began again, stopping in front of her. "I have friends, and I can do a certain amount myself. Well, then, I give you my solemn promise that I will stop at nothing, that I will make it the aim of my life to restore your brother to you. Do you believe me?"

"I do, I do!" she cried, all her face lighting up with suddenly awakened hope. "Oh, how happy I should be! How endlessly grateful I am to you!"—

"Don't, don't thank me," Vladimir interrupted in a voice trembling with agitation. "You don't know what you have become to me. If I could give up all my life to serve you—if I could die to spare you one tear—to bring one smile to your lips, oh, there would be no greater happiness on earth!"

He broke off suddenly. The avowal had burst from him of itself, and he realized what he was saying only when it was too late.

For several minutes neither spoke. Vladimir drew a shaking hand across his forehead.

"I beg your pardon," he said, "for saying this to you, another man's betrothed. I didn't mean to say it. However, it doesn't matter. We probably shall not see each other any more. But I can say to you that you have aroused no higher or purer feeling in any man. And now goodby."

He pressed the hand she held out to him in his and left the room.

Katia remained alone. She had not expected anything of this kind and was surprised and startled. Her own heart was silent, but everything seemed bright to her, as though it were a holiday. She went up stairs, treading lightly, as though she were floating in the air, not walking, and there was a joyous light in her face as she entered her mother's room. There is something fascinating, some enchantment, about the sudden outpouring of a young soul, and without responding to the avowal Katia's heart bounded for delight.

The patient was sleeping soundly. The room was dimly lit up with one candle, and at the bedside sat the nurse, mending a stocking. She turned her old face to the girl with a searching look full of anxious inquiry.

Katia, without speaking, went up to the old woman and kissed her on the mouth.

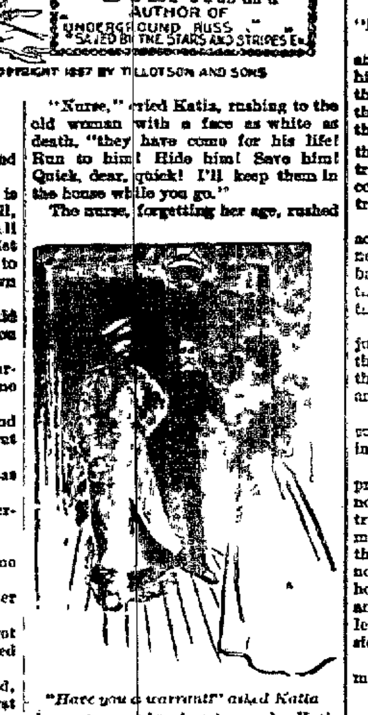
"Oh, my own pet birdie!" said the nurse, stroking the fair head with her wrinkled hand. "I knew how it would be when I saw my birdie fly to that pavilion so often. Well, well, God's will be done! The fleetest horse won't carry you away from your fate, they say."

"No, nurse," Katia answered, laying her head on the old woman's shoulder. "No, no; it's not that. He is not my fate, nursie."

The noise of a carriage stopping at the hall door made her start up and run to the window. What could it be? Before the door stood two vehicles filled with people carrying lanterns, who were hurriedly [illegible] round the house. [illegible] were gendarmes!

"Nurse," cried Katia, rushing to the old woman with a face as white as death, "they have come for his life! Run to him! Hide him! Save him! Quick, dear, quick! I'll keep them in the house while you go."

The nurse, forgetting her age, rushed down stairs at breakneck speed. Katia could hardly keep pace with her.



"Have you a warrant?" asked Katia.

A loud imperative ring sounded at the hall door. Katia rushed to open the door at once so as to stop the noise. A young officer of gendarmes entered, accompanied by the procurator in civil dress.

"Hush! There is an invalid in the house," said Katia.

"Excuse our disturbing you, madam," began the procurator, bowing politely. "It is in the fulfillment of our duty."

He knew Kroutikov personally and, moreover, had received special instructions from the governor, who wished the future relatives of his favorite to be treated as gently as possible.

"What do you want?" asked Katia.

"In consequence of information received by us that an escaped state criminal is hiding in your house"—

"Do you mean our visitor, Mr. Vladimir Petrovich Volgin? I know nothing of his being a criminal," said Katia.

"I have no doubt of that, madam," the procurator made haste to say, although in his own heart he had no doubt of the very opposite. "We have absolutely nothing against your family, but we have instructions to arrest the person calling himself Volgin."

"But he is not in the house," Katia answered firmly.

"No? Where can he have gone?" asked the procurator, smiling incredulously.

"He went away suddenly," said Katia.

"And when was this, if I may ask?"

"Yesterday after dinner," she answered, remembering Vladimir's attempt to escape from the house. "Oh, why did we meet him then?" she thought, too late, with bitter regret.

"Do you mean that he went away without telling you he was going?" asked the procurator ironically.

"Yes, without telling us," she affirmed.

"People have queer visitors nowadays," the procurator could not refrain from remarking cuttingly. "I am very sorry," he went on, returning to his serious tone, "but I must search the house."

"Have you a warrant?" asked Katia.

"That is altogether unnecessary," answered the procurator severely. He was just going to add as a warning something still more stern and admonitory, but refrained. "For that matter," he said, turning to his companion, "Ivan Ivanych, perhaps you have brought the document with you?"

The officer of gendarmerie pulled out of a side pocket a large folded sheet of paper, which he handed to Katia. She unfolded and began to read it, or rather to hold it before her eyes, for in her agitation she could not make out a single word.

The procurator grew tired of waiting.

"Pardon me," he said ironically. "The handwriting of our clerk is evidently somewhat illegible, and we have no time to lose; so with your permission I will examine the rooms while you read."

Katia led him into the house.

In the pavilion meanwhile a scene of quite a different character was being enacted.

Vladimir, too, on hearing the noise of the wheels had rushed to the window and by the light of the lanterns had seen the gendarmes.

"He has informed, after all, the scoundrel!" he exclaimed.

His first idea was to take a dash for the garden, get across into the wood and hide himself there, but, looking through the window, he saw two gendarmes running round the house. His egress was cut off on all sides. He was caught in a trap, like a wild beast.

"I'll cut my way through," he thought and ran to the door in the hope of finding in the yard some kind of weapon—ax, crowbar, cudgel, anything—but on the threshold he came into collision with and almost knocked down the nurse, who came running in, panting for breath.

"Little father, my young lady sends you her compliments," she began from sheer force of habit, "and sends me to say that they've come for your life, sir."

"I know, I know. What next?"

"And she told me to hide your honor anywhere I can; so, if you please, sir, I'll lock you up in the larder."

"Thank you, granny," Vladimir answered, "but they'll come to look for me in the larder."

"Then in the lumber room?"

"They'll come there too."

"In the barn, then, in the hay?"

"They'll come there, too, and stick their swords through the hay."

The old woman spread out her hands despairingly.

"Good Lord, what wicked wretches! Their swords? Then they'll kill you. Where am I to hide you, little father? You're not a thimble. I can't pop you into my pocket."

"Well, I'm afraid there isn't anywhere, granny," said Vladimir. "Ah! What's that up in the ceiling?" he asked, pointing with his finger.

At one corner of the wooden roof, just over the bed, a seam ran across the planks, showing the presence of a trapdoor. A small ring was screwed into the [illegible]

"All right, I'll hide there."

He placed a small dressing table on the bed and a chair on the dressing table; then, climbing up, he opened the trap and slipped hastily into its black jaws. Bending his head down through the trap, he directed the old woman to put the furniture back as it was before and smooth the bed so that it should look as though no one had stood on it. He then glanced round the room and saw his hat in a corner.

"Give it me here, granny," he said. "It's a good thing I noticed it."

She put the hat on to a broom handle and hoisted it up to him. Vladimir hid himself in the garret, carefully letting the trap down into its place. He had thought of everything but the principal thing, and that he had forgotten—the thing which served as handle to the trap. If he had unscrewed it, no one could have suspected the existence of a trap.

The nurse fulfilled all his directions accurately, carrying the chair into the next room and setting the dressing table back in its place. When she went up to the bed to set it in order, a happy thought struck her.

"I know what—I'll get into the bed, just as if this is where I sleep," she thought. "Surely those brutes won't think of looking for the bonny lad in an old woman's room."

She hastily took off her shoes and outer clothing, put out the light and got into bed to wait for the unbidden guests.

She had a good time to wait. The procurator carefully examined every nook and corner in the house. Katia tried to prevent him from entering her mother's bedroom, but he insisted, threatening to enter by force if she did not admit him quietly. He promised, however, not to disturb the sick woman and followed Katia into the room alone, leaving the officer of gendarmerie outside the door.

"Katia, is that you?" asked the mother, half waking.

"Yes, mamma. Go to sleep again."

"Wasn't there a ring down stairs? I thought I heard one," the patient went on.

"It was only the man with your medicine. Go to sleep again, mamma," Katia replied.

The procurator meanwhile was examining the room, in which he could find nothing suspicious. He looked into the wardrobe, but it contained only feminine clothing. He carefully examined the bed, on which the sick woman lay, covered by a thin quilt. Then he bent down, lifted the valance and looked under the bed, but there also he could find no criminal. In the corner stood a large old traveling trunk. He made a sign to the girl to open it and looked in, but still could find no criminal.

He left the room in silence and went down stairs. Katia followed.

"Now we will go to the pavilion," he said to the officer of gendarmerie. "Tell your men to bring a lantern."

A corporal of gendarmerie appeared with a lantern and walked with the officer and procurator across the dark courtyard. Katia followed them. She knew that Vladimir must be there, for there was nowhere that he could escape to, the whole place had been so thoroughly searched. She foresaw something frightful, but she could not bear not to go. To stay behind and wait would be still more dreadful.

The gendarme, entering the pavilion, shook the nurse by the shoulder. She was pretending to be asleep, or perhaps had fallen asleep in reality.

"What is it? What's the matter?" she muttered.

"Get up and dress."

The old woman obeyed, and the whole pavilion was searched. No criminal was to be found. The procurator, beginning to get out of patience, turned to his companion.

"We must get the truth out of this old hag," he said.

"Look here," he went on, addressing the nurse, "look me straight in the face."

"There's no need, sir. I can see you plain enough as it is," she retorted.

"Silence!" shouted the procurator. "Answer me. Where is the young gentleman who came here last Monday?"

"How should I know about gentlefolks' affairs? I'm only a servant here. He came and I suppose he went away, as he [illegible]."

"Look here! Although you're an old woman"—the procurator began sternly.

At this moment the officer of gendarmerie touched him on the shoulder and pointed to the ring hanging from the ceiling. Katia looked up, and the cold sweat broke out on her forehead. "He is sure to be there," she thought.

"Ah, of course," said the procurator in delight. Then turning to Katia he added, "Kindly let me have a ladder. I saw one in your lumber room."

"Very well," Katia answered, more dead than alive.

The officer and the gendarme left the room and presently came back with a little ladder, which they set up against the wall.

The officer of gendarmerie, to whom belonged the honor of discovering the trapdoor, ascended the ladder with the lantern in his hand. The ladder was somewhat short, and he was small of stature. Finding himself not high enough, he set one foot on the top shelf of the little bookcase which hung on the wall close by. The nail gave way, and shelves, books, ladder and gendarme all came tumbling to the floor.

The officer almost fell on the back of the procurator, who was stooping down to pick up a sheet of note paper folded in two, which had fluttered off one of the books as it fell. It was the farewell letter which Vladimir had left for Katia the day before when intending to leave the house and then had forgotten to destroy.

The procurator read it through, and an oath broke from him in his annoyance. The prey had slipped away from under his very nose.

"What is the matter?" asked his worthy companion.

"Read it."

The officer took the note. There could remain no further doubt upon the subject. The letter was dated and signed "Vladimir Volgin." It was addressed to "Katerina Vasilyevna Prozorov." The authenticity of the note was undoubted, and the contents fully confirmed the random statement which had fallen from Katia.

"It will probably be agreeable to you," sneeringly remarked the procurator, turning to Katia, "to know of your protege's grateful feelings toward you."

He handed her the note. Katia read it, but understood nothing. She only felt that some sort of crisis was over and that in some miraculous way Vladimir's position was improving.

"Be so kind as to return the document to me," said the procurator. "We have to present it in our report. I think," he went on, turning to the officer of gendarmerie, "that it will be useless for us to continue our search any longer or to interrogate the other servants."

The officer agreed with him. Vladimir was saved.

[illegible] wrote out their report, [illegible], from the evi- [illegible] the house and of the nurse and also from a letter found during the search, it appeared that the person unknown living under the name of Vladimir Volgin had disappeared on the day before the search. Katia signed this document without reading it. She was still unable to come to herself.

The officer took the note.

A few minutes later the carriage rumbled away from the door, and the gendarmes were gone.

CHAPTER VIII.

When the sound of the wheels had died away in the distance, the nurse lifted up the trapdoor with the broom handle and called to Vladimir.

"Come out, sir! They're gone!"

The young man's laughing face appeared at the trapdoor. He had overheard everything from above. Clinging to the rafter with his hands, he jumped down.

"Eh, your honor, you're in luck's way!" remarked the nurse. "You must have been born with a silver spoon in your mouth."

"Yes, indeed, granny," he answered laughing. "But where's the young lady?"

Katia was not in the room.

"She has gone to her own room," said the nurse, "and you were to wait for her [illegible] please."

A quarter of an hour later Katia came in dressed as for a journey, in a blue cloth dress, a hat and a short jacket without sleeves. She carried in her hands a man's overcoat of light material, a man's traveling cap and a small hand portmanteau.

"You must not stay here another minute," she said, "but I think you had better alter your dress a little, so that you may not be recognized. I have brought you my brother's coat and cap—you are just about the same height as he is—and here is a portmanteau for you. It will make you look more like a traveler."

"That's it! That is capital. I will go this minute."

"No, you must not go on foot. The steamer leaves the town quite early, and it's 1 in the morning already." She glanced at the little silver watch hanging at her waist. "You won't get there in time. You must come with me. Goodby, nurse," she went on, turning to the old woman. "Look after mamma, and if she asks for me say I have gone for the doctor."

"Goodby, my birdie. Don't be afraid. I'll look after her. And goodby to you, sir."

"Goodby, nurse, and many thanks," said Vladimir.

They left the house. Katia led him down to the little shed where the boat was kept at night. Together they dragged it down to the water, Katia taking two pairs of oars.

"We must row our hardest to catch the steamer," said Katia.

They steered the boat into the middle of the river. The night was clear, but with no moon. Thousands of stars looked down on them from the dark blue heights. The distant banks with their villages, churches and coppices, glided slowly away from them, melting into the dim night. The rhythmical strokes of their oars carried them on and on.

When they reached the little town where the steamers stopped, it was 5 o'clock. The steamer was to start at a quarter to 6. Katia knocked at the door of a fisherman whom she knew and intrusted the boat to him to take home. She and Vladimir walked through the empty streets to the landing stage, hardly speaking at all. Katia was tired out with the long, hard row and the agitation of the past night. Vladimir was reserved and silent. There was a weight on his heart which not even the joy of newly recovered freedom could quite take away. He did not doubt for an instant that Kroutikov had informed against him. And Katia was to be this man's wife!

Katia was the first to break the silence.

"Listen," she said. "When you reach St. Petersburg, can't you somehow let me know you have arrived safely?"

"Very well, and thank you for asking it," he answered. "But it is hardly necessary. If they are waiting for me at the landing stage and arrest me there, you will see it, and if not you may consider me out of danger. I shall go to Nijni Novgorod by the steamer, and from there I can easily get to St. Petersburg."

"Yes, but let me know, all the same," she insisted.

"All right. Of course I can't write to you, but we can easily manage. How old are you?"

"Twenty-two," she answered, rather surprised at the question.

"Well, then, on the 22d of the month, the same number as your age, I'll insert in your paper a dummy advertisement—let us say about lessons in Spanish and Portuguese—and give a dummy address with the number 22 in it again. If you see that, you'll know that I'm in St. Petersburg."

Katia was delighted with the neatness and simplicity of his plan and promised to look out for the advertisement.

"And I have something to ask of you, too, Katerina Vasilyevna," said Vladimir after thinking for a little while.

"What is it?"

"You remember our conversation yesterday about your brother?"

"I should think so. Of course I do."

"And you may rest assured that I shall not forget it either, only give me your word that you will not breathe a syllable of my intention to any living creature. You understand, I am sure, that this is no caprice of mine. Everything depends upon the thing being kept a secret. It is not I alone who am concerned here."

"Very well," said Katia. "I give you my word. I will not speak of it to a single living creature—except mamma, of course."

"No, no. You must not say a word to her either."

"What—not to mamma?" she asked in surprise. "What danger can there be in her knowing? And it would be a ray of hope to her."

"Yes," said Vladimir, "but she may speak of it—indeed she is sure to speak of it to some one else"—

Vladimir did not want to finish his sentence. He shrank from the idea of accusing her lover to her, but the girl's quick ear had caught a peculiar tone in his voice.

"What do you mean by that? Whom are you thinking of?" she asked, firing up.

Vladimir did not answer.

"Why don't you speak? You are thinking of some one in particular. Say what you mean straight out. You have no right to say such things without cause—you have no right to," she repeated, with rising excitement.

"What am I to say? You can guess yourself," said Vladimir, looking away from her.

"You mean Pavel Alexandrovich! Yes," Katia burst out indignantly, "and you are not ashamed to think it. Because he doesn't agree with your opinions, because he is an official, you are ready to suspect him of"—

"No, not because of that," answered Vladimir quietly.

"Then why? Tell me. I will know."

"What do you think?" said Vladimir, looking her straight in the face. "To whom are we indebted for last night's visit? Who could know?"

"It's not true. It's not true. It can't be. I forbid you—do you hear?—I forbid you to repeat that slander!" cried Katia, choking with anger.

"I should be very happy to know that I had been mistaken," said Vladimir, "but"—

"No, no. No, I tell you!" Katia almost screamed. "Stop!"

Vladimir shrugged his shoulders and said no more. They did not exchange a single word until the moment of parting.

There was no one on the landing stage but two old women going to the shrine of St. Macary. Vladimir took his ticket unmolested, and, with the portmanteau in his hand, waited for the gangway to be put up.

"Don't remember me in anger, Katerina Vasilyevna," he said softly, "and forgive all my sins against you—involuntary sins, I mean, for I could have no voluntary ones against you."

Katia answered with an irritable gesture of her hand.

She remained standing on the landing stage like a soldier at his post until the steamer started. Then she turned away, and, without looking back, walked into the street, where she hired a trap, without asking the fare, and drove home, thoroughly upset and miserable.

A horrible doubt had been flung into her mind. No sooner was she left alone than her firm conviction of her lover's innocence began to melt away. Appearances were very much against him. Moreover, she now remembered certain phrases and expressions of his which up till now she had let pass unheeded. He had never dared to speak ill of Vania in her presence, but in his heart he detested all such people as Vania and regarded them as almost personal enemies whom there was no need to treat with ceremony or to trifle with. Indeed he was not in the habit of treating his enemies with too much ceremony—that she knew.

As she drove up to the house she saw a groom leading a horse which she recognized at once. It was covered with sweat and foam. Kroutikov met her in the hall. He had just galloped in from the town.

"Ah, at last!" he exclaimed. "I was beginning to think I should never see you any more."

He spoke in a jesting tone, but Katia's sudden disappearance with Vladimir—he had heard everything from the nurse—had really disturbed and frightened him.

Katia shook hands with him coldly, and they went into the dining room.

"You have been to see your knight errant off by the steamer?" Kroutikov asked, smiling.

A sudden sense of disgust came over Katia.

"I have been to see him off—yes," she answered abruptly, "perhaps by steamer, perhaps by railway. Why do you want to know?"

She raised her eyes to his with a look so icy, so full of enmity, that he was thrown off his balance completely. He had intended to talk to her severely and reprovingly, to explain to her how imprudent, to say the least of it, had been her behavior in openly helping to escape a criminal 'wanted' by the state, but the words died on his lips.

"Katia, what has come to you? Why do you talk like that? What are you angry about?" he asked in a trembling voice.

"Go away! Leave me alone! I can't bear the sight of you!"

"Katia, what do you mean? I don't understand you. What have I done to you?" he faltered in bewilderment.

He really loved the girl, as people who have been somewhat knocked about in life and know themselves to be not quite spotless, love exalted, idealistic beings who, in becoming theirs, restore to them their own best nature. But Katia mistook his agitation for a final proof of guilt.

"And you dare to ask me? You want me to say what you have done? I can't. I am ashamed—ashamed—ashamed for myself and you."

She could say no more. She was choking with tears of bitter shame and indignation. Hiding her face in both hands, she laid her head down on the table and struggled with her sobs.

Kroutikov understood.

"You think that I—informed against this—Vladimir," he said, "but you are mistaken."

Katia hastily raised her head.

"What?" she whispered, hardly daring to believe.

"I did not hear of the search in your house until today," Kroutikov continued. "The police accidentally found out where your visitor was hiding. The engine driver of a goods' train saw a man lying on the railway line who jumped up and ran when the train passed him. The police, hearing of this, went to the spot to collect information and found that two shepherds had seen a man who had told them that he wanted to hire a horse and trap. In the wood leading to your house his knapsack was found, and that was enough, especially as your family is a marked one on your brother's account. I only heard about it all this morning. The governor purposely kept it from me in consideration for my feelings, but he tells me that he gave orders to the police to behave as courteously as possible and spare you and your mother all annoyance. I hope his instructions were obeyed?"

Katia made no answer to this question. She felt herself annihilated. Kroutikov's triumph was complete. He could have improved upon his victory by reproaching her for ever suspecting him of treachery, but with her he was honest. He remembered, quaking inwardly at the thought, how near he had been to what she had accused him of. He came up to her with a gleam of real emotion lighting up his severe face.

"Katia," he said, "don't be so up about it. Don't look like that. Le be as we used to be. I know I am worthy of you. I have come thro many experiences in life, and there spots enough on my soul, I know. G me your hand. Love me! With you I shall be a better, purer man."

"I can't bear the sight of you!"

"Forgive me, forgive me—I did you wrong!" she said, laying her hand on his.

He put her hand to his lips, and their reconciliation was complete.

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A BEAUTIFUL CITY.

SO BRUSSELS IS CHARACTERIZED BY AN AMERICAN TOURIST.

Some of Its Most Attractive Features—A Handsome Boulevard In Place of the Old City Wall—The Immense Town Hall. How the Tram Cars Are Operated.

Brussels is a beautiful city and owes its beauty in a large measure to good sense and public spirit of its citizens or a ruling king who rules in the interest of the people.

One good thing comes of a fortified city, or at least has come to Paris and Brussels, and that is when by expansion it has become necessary to tear down the fortification it has left the boulevard. Brussels is now about three times as large as the original walled city, and this boulevard forms a broad street around between the center and the outside from 200 to 300 feet wide. It is more than a street or avenue, it is street and a park. It goes by different names at different parts, and Boulevard Waterloo—the widest—is first a sidewalk, then a paved street perhaps [illegible] feet wide for business purposes, then ground with two rows of trees, 50 feet wide, for horseback riding, then 40 feet or so of asphalt or macadam for carriages, then 60 feet (at a guess) with four rows of trees for pedestrians, with seats for resting, then another paved street for business and street cars, and lastly, the other sidewalk. At different places are booths for selling papers, waiting rooms for the street car service and public conveniences. Through the town there are two broad avenues and many outside, like the Avenue Louise, which leads out to the Bois, and like the boulevard, has the same combination—part street and part park of itself. The other streets are neither wide nor straight, but cool in a hot day and likely warm in winter.

The buildings are not whole blocks from street to street as in Paris, each separate house or store varying somewhat one from the other, but they are all in a locality or block about of the same height and degree of finish—all kept clean and bright—the telegraph and telephone wires all over the tops strung from roof to roof and the whole city supplied with street car service. One of the lines is supplied with cars that run on the track where there is a track and turn out on the pavement where there is none. This is done by using common omnibus wheels for the carriage and two leading wheels which drop into the grooves in the rails—when in line—which keeps the car on all right. By custom, law or common sense none of the carriages has tires less than about two inches wide, so that the ground rail does not interfere at all with the common street traffic. The king, either by his power or influence, sees to it that the companies give the worth of the money. The fares are very low—only a cent for short rides varying according to the distance—and the companies are no doubt managed on economical lines. As an example the tickets or receipts are printed on paper and are canceled by the conductor tearing off the corner. How simple compared with the thick ticket and punch! The street cars, or tram cars, have maps of the route over which they travel posted so one who can follow a map can see where the special line he is on goes, what main streets it crosses and where it connects with other lines.

Probably nothing has been said about Brussels for the last 300 years that did not include the Hotel de Ville, or town hall, with its openwork spire. Inside it is a museum, with many curiosities and noted paintings. Surrounding it and throughout the old part of the town there are many ancient Flemish buildings, and in the new part is the Hall of Justice, one of the largest buildings in the world, if not the very largest. It is larger than St. Peter's, and the Philadelphia claims to have the largest; this is 500 by 600 and 400 feet high, against the Philadelphia structure's [illegible] feet square by the same height, and the Philadelphia building has a large open court, which the Brussels Hall of Justice has not. Anyway there is an awful lot of stone and architecture about it.

I do not know whether they deal out justice on the same scale as the building, but the affairs of the city seem to be well managed, and one would think from the talk of the people that the king has a good deal to do with it. He is greatly liked, is around the streets and in the exhibition every day and stops to talk to the exhibitors and workmen. We had the honor of meeting him two or three times. He was going one way in the aisles of the exhibition and in the street, and we were going the other. "Long live the king!"—John E. Sweet in American Machinist.

Married Women Teachers.

Of all the causes now tending to keep women out of matrimony one that is very effective is the discrimination against married women teachers in the public schools. Malden, Mass. is the latest to declare that the marriage of a public school teacher shall be regarded as a resignation of her office. Mark the pronoun "her." No such discrimination is made against man.—Woman's Tribune.

Dissatisfied.

"Is young Hopley much of a lawyer?"

"No, he isn't any good at all. I employed him in a case a short time ago, and he didn't say a thing to the counsel for the other side that a gentleman could object to."—Chicago News.

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THEY are preparing a criminal code for Alaska at Washington. But how will they get it over the Chilkoot?—*Pittsburg Times.* Give us something easy; by the pass, of course.

THERE comes to our ears a Dole-ful sound from the Pacific. The residents of the isles of the sea wish to Sandwich their possessions in Uncle Sam's capacious pockets. The Monroe doctrine stands in the way.

JOSEPH G. STEWART, a prominent citizen of Williamsport, has been appointed Deputy Marshall under Hon. F. C. Leonard, who recently opened his office in Pittsburg. The appointment of Mr. Stewart is a good one.

HON. BENJ. BUTTERWORTH, Commissioner of Patents, died at Thomasville, Ga., last Sunday after a few weeks' illness. He had suffered with pneumonia but had improved somewhat. Uraemic convulsions set in and he expired.

DR. J. W. SNYDER of Coudersport, who has been an applicant for a consulship in Canada, was last Saturday appointed by Marshall F. C. Leonard one of his field deputies, says the Pittsburg *News.* The *News* did not state where the Doctor will be located.

THE Republican county committee held a very enthusiastic meeting last Saturday at the St. James Hotel, Bradford. There was a good attendance, considering the fact that many of the townships held their primaries on that day. It was decided to hold the primaries on Saturday, March 19, and the county convention on the Tuesday following, the 22d. Hon. H. H. North, Hon. R. A. Dempsey, Col. Lucius Rogers, Att'y T. F. Richmond, J. C. Greenewald, Hon. Geo. Griffiths and David Howells all made short but very appropriate addresses. The best of feeling prevailed. Whenever the name of Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren as our next candidate for governor was mentioned, the response was very flattering to our honored Congressman. His chances for the nomination grow brighter every day.

SENATOR "BILLY" MASON, who is well remembered in this city, having lived in this vicinity before going west, struck a popular chord the other day. The Senators were in secret session when "Billy" made this little speech: "It is true that it is an ancient custom, but we believe the time has come to do away with some of the ancient customs. There is a great deal of buncombe about these secret sessions. What do we do here, anyhow? We close the doors to the public, and we sit around and smoke and make a great bluff at doing something that is of the most vital importance, surrounding it with all the mystery imaginable. And when we have done with it, what does it amount to? Why we have confirmed a few thousand-dollar postmasters. It is high time that this farce was done away with." —Bradford Star.

Senator Mason's action will meet the approval of every voter in the land. The idea of public servants going into secret session to do a public duty. It's preposterous, and the sooner this antediluvian custom is abandoned the better it will be for the country.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 1898.

Secretary Wilson's report on Senator Lodge's resolution, which was adopted by the Senate, asking for full information as to beet sugar and what, if any, foreign sugars it comes in competition with, and what effect, if any, the importation of Hawaiian sugars has or would have upon the beet sugar production of the United States, is expected to knock out one of the arguments which have been used by the sugar trust lobby to make certain Senators, whose States are large and increasing producers of sugar beets, doubtful of the policy of annexation, by showing that no injury to the beet sugar interests of this country will, or possibly can, follow the annexation of Hawaii. It is not surprising that Senators should have been temporarily caught by the specious arguments of the agents of the sugar trust against annexation, because of the injury it might do the sugar beet industry of this country. Secretary Wilson was himself once doubtful on the subject because he believed annexation might injure the American beet growers, but investigation convinced him that it would not, and his facts on the subject will convince the Senators who have doubts. There are hourly contradictory stories around Washington as to the attitude of Senators towards the annexation treaty, but Senator Davis, who is in charge of the treaty, is still confident that it will be ratified with votes to spare.

Senator Wolcott's speech bears out Senator Chandler's recent statement that President McKinley does not regard as final the efforts made by the commission which visited Europe in behalf of international bimetallism, and that he does not regard their failure to get England committed as ending all hope for an international agreement. Senator Wolcott believes that the visit of the commission to Europe materially advanced the idea of international bimetallism, and that it will yet become an established fact.

Attorney General McKenna's nomination to the Supreme Court would have been confirmed last week had not Senator Allen seen in it an opportunity to secure a little notoriety for himself. When Senator Hoar presented the report of the Judiciary Committee in favor of Judge McKenna and asked that a vote be taken, Senator Allen was the only objector and he consumed four hours in making it plain that his only object was to draw public attention to himself. He first asked for a postponement of two weeks, but was in the end satisfied to get the vote postponed until next Friday. There is nothing uncertain about Judge McKenna's confirmation. At the outside, there isn't likely to be more than six votes cast in opposition, and it is possible that there will be none.

Representative Jenkins of Wisconsin has introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a National Military Park at Appomattox, Va., and for the erection of a Peace monument upon the spot where the agreement to cease hostilities was executed. There are several bills of this nature, including that for making a National Military Park of the Vickburg battlefield, and the general sentiment in Congress is favorable to them, but they are all likely to be shut out at this session under the general rule that no bill carrying an appropriation for a new project shall be passed by the House, until the receipts of the government exceed its expenditures.

Notwithstanding the use of a whole week in the discussion of civil service matters, the House has made a good business record since the reassembling of Congress. It has passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bills, the Urgency Deficiency appropriation bill and the Agricultural appropriation bill, and is now considering the Diplomatic and Consular appropriation bill.

Whatever may be the personal opinion of President McKinley as to the justness of the damages awarded to British subjects for losses alleged to have been sustained by reason of our seizure of their sealing vessels in Behring Sea, by the Arbitration Commission acting under the treaty of 1896, he knows that we are in honor bound to pay them, so he has sent a special message to Congress, urging the early appropriation of $463,151.26, in order that they be paid and the matter closed.

The reports brought to Washington by trustworthy men do not square with the claims of the silver Democrats as to the increase of silver sentiment. On the contrary, they show a heavy decrease in silver sentiment. For instance, ex Senator Moody of S. Da., says of his State: "Though Bryan carried the State in 1896, by a slender majority, he will never be able to do so again. A good wheat crop and great gold productions have knocked Bryanism out in South Dakota, which is now third in output of the yellow metal, and its resources in this line are only in the early stages of development. With the advent of prosperity, the agitation over free silver has subsided."

Inasmuch as Consul General Lee can have one or more U. S. warships in Havana habor within six hours after he deems there presence necessary, the administration has not been worrying over the yellow journal war scares of the last few days.

DUN'S REPORT.

The year has opened with a very satisfactory prospect. It is all the better that there is no wild excitement in the speculative markets, and while stocks advance a little, grain yields a little. The payments through principal clearing houses, notwithstanding a decrease at New York, owing to less activity in stocks, are 2.6 per cent. larger than in 1892, and 10.1 per cent. larger outside New York. Earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for December, $43,354,279, indicate substantially the same rate of increase exceeding last year's by 10.5 per cent., and the earnings of 1892 for the same roads by 1.3 per cent. Since 1892 was on the whole the most prosperous year thus far, comparisons indicate, notwithstanding the lowest prices ever known, that the volume of business is larger, and, in spite of some cutting of rates, the earnings of railroads are better than in the best year of past history.

No little stir in the market has been caused by the announcement that the Western Union has purchased the telegraph lines owned by the government of Mexico, and that the Manhattan Company will equip its plant to run trains by electricity. Beyond the speculative influence of such statements, there is the conviction that capitalists of influence are disposed to invest largely upon belief in future prospects. The stock market has not been wild but strong, the Vanderbilt properties showing especial strength, the average for the sixty most active stocks rising 62 cts per share, though trust stocks have declined 86 cts per share because of belief that the refusal to distribute large profits in sugar foreshadows a struggle. While the earnings are highly favorable for December, there are signs of sharp competition during this month.

The wheat market has been curiously languid, yielding 1-4 of a cent, although Atlantic exports amount to 6,056,787 bushels for the two weeks of January against 3,986,317 last year, and Pacific exports for the week have been 1,979,676 bushels. Western receipts continue so heavy that with the greatest accumulation of wheat at Chicago ever known there is little encouragement for speculation, and receipts were 5,727,250 bushels for two weeks against 3,098,668 bushels last year. Corn exports continue large, though not equal to last year's, amounting to 3,136,658 bushels against 4,147,652 bushels for the week last year, and the price declined about 3-4 of a cent. Spot cotton is a sixteenth lower for middling uplands, mainly because of the stoppage of some mills by difficulty about wages. But nothing is definitely known about the quantity of cotton yet coming forward, and one report of creditable character puts the year's yield at 10,570,250 bales, though results thus far do not quite justify so large an estimate.

A most encouraging feature is the report of foreign trade, the principal exports amounting to $86,076,480 for the month of December against $81,528,865 last year, when the aggregate of all exports was $117,006,000. The increase promises an even larger excess of exports over imports for the month than was expected, and in spite of a decrease of $4,000,000 in cotton, nearly all due to a fall in prices, and some decrease in oil for a similar reason, the increase in provisions and breadstuffs has caused an increase which for the calendar year is $51,600,000. New York exports in January thus far are smaller than last year, while imports are also smaller, but at this season a larger proportion of the exports goes to other cities.

J. A. Perkins of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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REPUBLICAN RULES.

WHEREAS, There have heretofore been no rules established, governing Republican caucuses, for the nomination of borough and school district officers in the borough and school district of Smethport, and

WHEREAS, Considerable fault has been found on account of the methods used in holding such caucuses, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Republican electors of the said borough and school district to adopt a code of rules which shall conform as near as may be to the rules governing primary elections for State and county officials,

THEREFORE, For and in behalf of a large number of Republican electors in and for said borough and school district, the following resolutions and rules are submitted for adoption, and will be voted upon at the Republican caucus to be held in the said borough of Smethport on the evening of the twenty-second of January, 1898.

RESOLVED, The hereafter Republican caucuses for the nomination of candidates for borough and school district officers in the borough and school district of Smethport, shall be held and governed under and by the following rules, and that all former rules are hereby recinded:

RULE I.

Caucuses shall be held at the usual place for holding elections in said borough and on such days as shall be designated by the member of the Republican County Committee representing said borough. It shall be the duty of said committeeman to issue a call for such caucus at least ten days prior to the time fixed for holding the same by posting at least five written or printed notices thereof, one of which shall be posted at the said polling place and by giving such notice in the Republican newspaper printed in said borough. Each of said notices shall contain a list of the offices for which nominations are to be made.

RULE II.

Any person desiring to be a candidate for nomination at such caucus shall present his name, together with the name of the office he desires to be a candidate for, to the said committeeman at least two days prior to the holding of such caucus, and shall pay to said committeeman fifty cents for printing tickets and necessary blanks for said caucus. The said committeeman shall cause to be printed and distributed at said caucus a sufficient number of tickets, containing the names of such persons only as shall have given the required notice and paid the fee, under sub headings designating the offices for which nominations are to be made, with a blank space after the name of each candidate; and in case there should be offices to fill for which no names have been presented to the said committeeman as aforesaid, he shall cause blank spaces to be left in said ticket, and such ticket shall be the only ticket used or counted at such caucus.

RULE III.

It shall be the duty of said committeeman to furnish all blanks for use at such caucus, the same to be paid for out of the funds received from candidates under rule No. 2.

RULE IV.

Such caucus shall be called to order by said committeeman, if present, and if not present by some duly qualified Republican elector of said borough, and shall elect viva voce one person duly qualified to vote at said caucus as judge of the same, and two persons so qualified as inspectors and clerks thereof; and the said judge and inspectors shall be sworn according to law to perform their duties with fidelity and in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governing primary elections.

RULE V.

The polls shall be opened at seven o'clock p. m., and kept open for two hours, and no longer.

RULE VI.

All persons being qualified electors of said borough who voted the Republican State ticket at the last general election, or having previously acted with said party failed to vote on such election day, and no others except persons entitled to vote on age or persons naturalized since the preceding State election shall be entitled to vote at such caucus. Provided, however, that all such Republican electors, residents of the school district of Smethport borough outside of the limits of said borough shall be entitled to vote for school directors at said caucus, and the the judge and inspectors shall only receive from the last mentioned voters such portion of the ticket as shall contain the names of school directors.

RULE VII.

Both the inspectors, or the judge and at least one of the inspectors of any caucus, shall be satisfied before receiving any vote that the person offering the same is qualified under the provisions of rule No. 6, and in all cases of doubt the judge shall examine under oath the person offering such vote, as to whether he is entitled to vote under the provision of said rule No. 6

RULE VIII.

Each voter shall indicate his choice of candidates by placing a cross (X) in the blank space after the name of each candidate he desires to have nominated, and in case there shall not be sufficient names printed on said ticket to fill all the offices he shall write the name of the person he desires for said office in the blank space provided for same and mark a cross thereafter.

RULE IX.

The inspectors aforesaid shall each make a list of the persons voting at said caucus, and said election board after the polls are closed shall count said votes and make duplicate tally sheets of same and shall make return thereof signed by each member of said board, or a majority thereof, setting forth the whole number of votes cast, and the number cast for each candidate, at such caucus. One of the tally sheets with one of the original lists of names voting at said caucus, with the oaths and affidavits of such election officers, before separating, shall be sealed and the judge of the caucus shall deliver the same to the county committeeman, and the other tally sheet and list of voters shall be immediately tacked up by the judge of the caucus on the door of the place where such caucus was held.

RULE X.

In case of a tie vote for any office to be filled at such caucus, it shall be the duty of the inspectors to place on separate slips of paper the names of the persons receiving such tie votes, and the judge of such caucus shall draw out one of such slips, without seeing the same, and the person whose name appears on the slip drawn by said judge, shall be duly certified by said election board as the candidate nominated for such office.

RULE XI.

It shall be the duty of the said election board to certify nominations made under these rules to the county commissioners, in accordance with law.

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FROM THE FAR WEST.

PRINCETON, IDAHO, [illegible].

EDITOR MINER:—

Will you allow me space to answer some of my friends' letters of inquiry. Some wish to know how times are and what chance there is for men to get homes or work. To all those I can say that times are good and plenty of work at from $1 to $3 and some $4 per day. Lumbering now, driving next and farming next. Fruit picking comes first of May and in the fall. Harvesting and threshing come in July and end in December. Mining is steady at all times of the year. The mining industry has never been better than it is now and wages are from $2 to $3 per day and board. The mines are gold, silver, lead and mica that are worked. To the "school marms" would say that we are now paying from $30 to $100 per month and board. Teachers are not very plentiful and a good teacher can get a school any time.

To those wishing to settle on a claim or buy land for a home, there never were better chances in the white pine country, besides there are a few claims left on the river. There is plenty of land to be had for from $400 to $1,500 per 160 acres. We start where we left off in '92. No land was taken in those good old free trade times, but now people are coming to life again and looking for homes as before.

Latch county contains within its limits the most favored section of what is known as the famous Potonse country, of world wide reputation for its genial climate, picturesque scenery and wonderful productiveness of the soil. The western and southern portions of the county are a rolling prairie under thorough cultivation. The products are wheat, flax, barley, oats, beans, hay, fruit and vegetables. At the present time the cereals are the principal crops, although the other products are encroaching each year upon the grain acreage and gradually reducing it. The fruit industry is yet in its infancy, but is growing with great rapidity. In the southern portions of the country where the altitude is the lowest the orchards are more advanced, having been planted earlier, but in the remote northern part peaches have been raised very successfully and yield of apples, pears, prunes, peach plums, apricots, cherries and the smaller fruits is certain and simply enormous. The trees, unless securely propped, break down almost every year with the weight of their yield. All this part of Latch county is an empire within itself and constitutes one of the richest agricultural countries in the world. The last season has been an exceedingly favorable one, and under the stimulous of a prospective good price for grain, an unusually large acreage has been cultivated and harvested. This prospective price has materialized in the highest quotations for wheat that have been offered for the past five years, and it is estimated that the county's production for 1897 will be over 3,500,000 bushels of wheat, 1,000,000 bushels of oats and barley and 850,000 bushels of flax, to say nothing of the immense bulk and value of its other products. The wheat averages 35 bushels to the acre, barley and oats 40 and 50, and flax from 15 to 20 bushels. By careful cultivation there are many who produce greater yields than the average. There have been many cases during the past season where the yield of spring wheat has reached 60 bushels per acre, and fall wheat as high as 80 bushels per acre. In this section no irrigation whatever is required, the natural rainfall being always sufficient to insure bounteous crops.

In the limited space allowed the writer cannot give our timber resources the attention that its importance demands, so will only touch upon the more interesting facts as mentioned by C. O. Brown, timber inspector, in his late report to the State. Within the confines of Latch county is the greatest part of the largest body of white pine now standing in the United States. So far as the examinations have gone it is estimated that this body of timber contains the enormous amount of 2,000,000,000 feet of white pine and 5,000,000,000 feet of other kinds, consisting of yellow pine, tamarack, red and white fir, spruce, black pine, cedar and hemlock. The title of the greater portion of these timber lands is vested in the State for the benefit of educational and charitable institutions. On some claims have been located and the rest is subject to homestead and timber entry. The most of this land is level and will make good farms. I can put 1,000 men on good claims in a very short time. A company has been incorporated under the name of the Moscow & Easter Railway Co., and a preliminary survey made during the summer just past from Moscow (the county seat of Latch Co.) to the timber belt. This proposed road when completed will traverse the forest for a distance of thirty miles, thus affording good mill sites along any portion of this distance. Moscow of to-day, with a population of 5,000, stands the gem city of the northwest and is an educational center of unsurpassed facilities, with her public schools and the University of Idaho. Nowhere in the northwest can be found a more thriving town.

J. HEITMAN.

MRS. LEASE in her lecture Saturday night declared that there are no more worlds to discover. How does Mrs. Lease know?—*Bradford Star.* Easy enough, she has resided in Kansas and evidently has been carried up in one of those cyclones that occur there frequently, to such a height that she was able to view every realm in the universe. There is nothing impossible for the fair Mary "Yellin'."

THOSE Buzzards Bay burglars didn't leave the slightest clue to their identity. Poor fellows, maybe they didn't have any clue, or had been obliged to pawn it.—*Pittsburg Times.*

They undoubtedly discovered the original copy of Cleveland's free trade message of December, 1886, and to escape from its dire effects jumped into Buzzards Bay. Thus the trail became obliterated.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good, old-fashioned woman who looks after her home will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from lame back and weak kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c. per bottle. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

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[illegible] were continued.

A verdict for the plaintiff was rendered in the case of R. A. [illegible].

Exceptions were filed to the auditor's report in the matter of the estate of Wm. Field.

The court reversed the judgment of the alderman against the garnishee in the case of W. W. Walker against Maggie Kennedy, defendant, and J. H. Jaynes, garnishee.

The report of the viewers of the Brookline street sewer in Bradford was confirmed absolutely.

The court refused the judgment of the alderman in the case of A. C. Holden against Thomas McCabe.

The court appointed Griffin Hatfield, W. B. Emery and Geo. H. Webb as viewers for sewers in the 5th and 6th sewer district of the city of Bradford.

A motion to strike out the appeal of John Barry in the extension of Williams street in Bradford and a rule to show cause thereon was granted; a rule to show cause why viewers' report should not be confirmed, returnable at next argument court, was granted.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of defendant in the case of Pat. Parks vs John Keating; labor claim.

The case of Frank Larabee, use of Sarah Jane Abbott and P. Ackley, administrators of J. P. Abbott, deceased, vs Mrs. Alzina Fish, George Abbott, Calvin Abbott, Mrs. E. J. Wilson: Larabee loaned the J. P. Abbott heirs a sum of money. Sarah Jane Abbott bought the judgment which was signed by all the heirs. The heirs claimed that the judgment had been paid by the estate and she claimed it had not. The amount involved was $[illegible]. Jury returned a verdict of $[illegible].

E. B. Rice vs D. F. Healey. Motion to show cause why attachment should not be discontinued was granted.

W. R. Van Sickle vs Susquehanna Fire Insurance Co. Motion to withdraw the original policy from the files was granted.

St. Julien Gear Co. vs A. T. Palmer. Motion for leave to file an amended statement was granted.

S. C. Swartz was appointed to take evidence in the divorce case of Frances M. DeGolier vs Miles A. DeGolier.

J. M. Cotter was appointed to take evidence in the divorce case of Joseph B. White vs Flora M. White.

Motion for judgment was granted in the case of W. C. Williams vs Boyle & Williams.

A motion for nol pros was granted in the case of B. J. Ransom vs J. M. Tait, et al.

The taxpayers of Kane have filed a protest against the finding of the grand jury in the case of the bridge constructed in that borough recently and which the grand jury decided should be paid for by the Kane taxpayers and which the latter believe should be paid for by the county.

B. J. Wood and Isaac Bradley were sworn in as citizens of the United States.

The case of L. Lamb vs John O'Connor, appeal, was continued.

In the case of *Phoebe T. Morrison vs. C. C. Seaman* the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Died.

GOODWIN—At her home in Wilder, Cora, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Goodwin, November, 27, 1897. The funeral services were held in the Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Tanner *officiating.*

Deceased was born in Middletown, Jackson county, December 3, 1869 and has lived in the county continuously except three years spent on the West coast. *Her parents came* from Pennsylvania to Jackson county in 1866.

Cora began teaching at sixteen and made that her chief occupation until 1893, when she took up typewriting which she followed till stricken with that dread disease, consumption. In 1893 she went to California for her health, thence to Oregon, thence home to die before her time among the loved ones. She was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, having been baptized in 1893 and confirmed a few days before her death. She was an active member of the Christian Endeavor Society and always an earnest worker in Sunday school.

Hers was a beautiful life, spent in earnest Christian work and loving deeds. Few persons have been so loved by all who knew her as Cora Goodwin. Those who have known her best have loved her most, and we all mourn that one so lovely should have a life so brief.

During the past year she has been a constant sufferer, but has borne it all with patience and gentleness, and the faithfulness, love and tenderness of the mother has been one of the most touching things ever witnessed in our village. Surely the mother was sustained by grace divine, or she could not have borne up under the burden.

"The life of a good and beautiful young woman has been cut short, but can the value of such a life be reckoned in years? No, the good deeds will live through the ages. Her daily prayers have risen like sweet incense to her father's throne, and such prayers are not unanswered. Cora, tired one, farewell! Thou hast gone to thy rest in peace—Asleep in Jesus. Farewell.—Jackson (Minn.) Republic.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean county at Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 7th day of February, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, to transfer to C. H. Moore the license originally granted by said Court to Jonas Artley May 17, 1897, and by said Court transferred to P. M. White June 21, 1897. The said license being given and transferred to said licensee and transferee to keep an inn or tavern called the American House, situate in the 4th ward of the city of Bradford, McKean county, Pennsylvania, standing at the corner of East Main street and Kendall avenue. The residence of C. H. Moore, applicant, is Bradford, Pa., and his occupation hotel keeper.

W. J. MILLIKEN,
Att'y for Applicant.

Jan. 5, 1898—3-4t

Executors' Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary in the estate of E. H. Barnum, late of Bradford City, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment of such indebtedness, and those having claims against the same, to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

C. H. LAVENS.
W. H. POWERS.

Executors of the estate of E. H. Barnum, deceased.

Bradford, Pa., Jan'y 5, 1898—3-6t

Order of Court for 1898 for McKean and Potter Counties.

And now, Dec. 1, 1897, it is ordered that hereafter until lawfully changed the regular terms of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and general jail delivery and Orphan's Courts of the county of McKean shall be held as follows, to-wit:

The fourth (4) Monday of February and continue one week.

The first (1st) Monday in June and continue one week.

The first (1st) Monday in October and continue one week.

And the second (2d) Monday in December and continue one week.

And the regular terms of the same Courts in the county of Potter shall be held as follows, to-wit:

The first (1) Monday in March and continue one week.

The second (2) Monday in June and continue one week.

The third (3) Monday in September and continue one week, and

The third (3) Monday in December and continue one week.

And the Prothonotary will cause this order to be published in three newspapers of general circulation in the county of McKean, the order in substance having already been published in the county of Potter.

By the Court.

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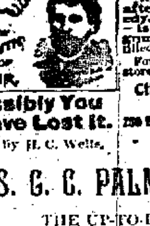

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CUSTER CITY, PA., Dec. 21, 1897.

WROUGHT IRON RANGE CO., St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:—We purchased of your salesman a HOME COMFORT RANGE, and are pleased to say it gives entire satisfaction. This certificate you can use in any manner you see proper.

Respectfully,
T. HOWARD.

NORWICH, PA., Dec. 21, 1897.

A. N. TRONSEN, Esq., Mt. Alton, Pa.

Dear Sir:—Please accept our thanks for the reservoir cover to our steel range, which we received through the kindness of Mr. Torena. We have had our range about seven years and to all appearance it is as good to-day as it was when the first fire was made in it. You could not buy the range now for what we gave for it seven years ago. Mrs. Dickinson says they are the finest range on earth and the most convenient for all purposes. Yours Truly,

C. W. DICKENSON.

For a FINE, HOT OYSTER STEW Step into the Novelty Restaurant.

New York Counts, Clams, Cigars and Fine Confectioneries Always on Hand.

THOMAS YOUNG, PROP'R.

Robes and Blankets.

This is the season of Robes and blankets and I have the best that can be found.

Harness

Light and heavy manufactured here. Cleaning and repairing neatly and promptly done.

Full Stock

of Whips, Trunks, Traveling Bags, etc., stock Food and Hoof Dressing.

Chas. Lemmler,
Smethport, Pa.

Horses and Pianos.

We once saw a horse sold for ninety-five cents. He was just as high and just as long as any horse. This may not be an elegant comparison, but it applies. A low priced article is not a cheap article. A cheap article is not always low priced. A low priced piano is a questionable piano. A questionable piano is a bad piano. Hence buy the best—

BUY A CHICKERING. . . . . .

It will cost you some money—all good pianos do. The difference is not so great, but the quality is beyond comparison. We exhibit all styles of Chickerings.

E. L. SMITH & CO.
Masonic Temple. Olean, N. Y.

FREE! FREE!!

You can get a sample of KEMP'S BALSAM and a package of LOMO TEA, with calendars and almanacs, free of charge, at

Armstrong & Co.'s,
Opposite Court House. SMETHPORT, PA.

Stark's Steam Laundry.

First-Class Work. Up-to-Date Prices.

I am prepared, having employed a practical laundryman, to do everything in my line. Family washing a specialty.

Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays and delivered when ordered. WORK GUARANTEED.

Backus Block, SMETHPORT, PA.

Wash Stark,
Manager and Proprietor.

WE INVITE YOU TO BRADFORD

BECAUSE—We can show you a greater variety in our lines than any smaller store can carry.

BECAUSE—We buy more goods, and buy them lower than other stores. We would never invite you to come here if we could not save you enough to pay you.

BECAUSE—Our knowledge is valuable to you on most of these lines. It is our business to know what is best, and why—and we do know.

BECAUSE—Our warrant stands back of what we sell here, and of what we tell you.

The store that undersells the hottest competition in Bradford—always—is a good store for you.

LAMPS.

A gold trimmed Banquet Lamp with globe, $2.00. An enormous variety of lamps at other prices Princess Lamps at $1.50.

STOVES.

100 Different Styles. Small Portable Gas Stoves, $3.00. The best Heater ever sold at $14. Wood Heaters, Mantel Heaters, Pure Air Heaters.

CHINA.

A stock of China that is not excelled anywhere. We import all foreign China direct. Exclusive agents for Haviland 100 styles of dinner sets, $6.75 per set and up.

HORSE BLANKETS.

The "Stay on" Horse Blankets and all other styles. Stable Blankets, $1.15 up. All Horse Goods are here. Fur Robes in all furs. Lap Robes at any price.

OIL WELL SUPPLIES,
STEAM FITTINGS,
LUMBERMEN'S SUPPLIES.

No need to tell you that in those lines we are recognized leaders.

L. Emery, Jr., & Co.,
EMERY & WEAVER,
The Great Supply House.
BRADFORD, PENN'A.

When at Store of D. C. YOUNG Buying Your Hosiery, Underwear, Dry Goods and Notions, Boots, Shoes, etc.,

do not forget to look through the fine grocery department, where you will find many things to tempt you at very reasonable prices, for instance—

Maple Syrup, guaranteed pure, per gal.,	$1.00
Pure Buckwheat Flour, 25 lb. sack,	60c
Fresh made Dairy Butter, per pound	25c
Worcestershire Sauce, Durkee's Salad Dressing and Snider's Home-made Catsup, per bottle,	25c
Coffee, per pound,	12 to 35c
Tea,	25 to 50c

And there are other goods too numerous to mention at prices that cannot be beaten. Call and examine for yourself. Courteous treatment whether you buy or not. All goods bought and sold for cash.

D. C. YOUNG,
Jan. 4, 1898 Smethport, Pa.

Fall Millinery.

My stock has recently arrived and for style and quality it cannot be excelled.

FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS.

My new stock of single patterns is unequalled in this section. All the latest patterns—no two alike.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

Everything in this line that the most fanciful could desire. Don't fail to see my stock before purchasing.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Where are We at? Our Office is at Smethport, McKean County, Pa.

BUT We are with You if you wish to Buy

Lumber
Lath
Shingles
Siding
Flooring
Ceiling
Moulding
Doors
Windows
Screens
Glass.

Only a sample order will convince you that You're with Us.

Call and see us, or write us for quotations.

HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Redction Sale!

With February 1st our business year closes

When we take inventory our stock must be greatly diminished. It must be as low as business will allow

To bring this about we take the most effectual course—in inaugurating a sweeping

Mark Down!

We Emphasize

Ladies' Cloaks,
Fur Collarettes,
Flannels,
Skirts,
Underwear.

We [illegible] to impress upon you th[illegible] is more than newspaper t[illegible] You cannot afford to go e[illegible]re for present or future n[illegible]

GROCERIES!

To beat them all.

A Few Specimen Snaps

Evaporated Peaches,	9c
Evaporated Prunes,	5c
Rio Coffee,	10c

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes

Jan. 7 1898. Smethport, Pa.

THE NEW YEAR

is here and you can commence it in no better way than by having your picture taken "See how you looked a year ago

DON'T FORGET

that I can give you better figures on crayons than any agent

THE LIGHT IS ALL RIGHT NOW TO SIT FOR PHOTOS

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer
Smethport, Pa

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town We make a specialty of FINE SHOES every width and size

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men We refer you to our many customers in Smethport

R. W. Bleodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good res[illegible] you have started For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter

SMETHPORT FRIDAY JAN 21 1898

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Look over the new adv of A B Armstrong & Co.

—Kellog Bird Carnival Co, at the opera house Feb 8

—At the opera house Feb 8 the Kellogg Bird Carnival Co

—Dr F C Pierce the popular dentist, has a new adv this week Don't fail to read it.

—McCoy's drug store has a new and attractive adv in this week's issue Give him a call

—The Travelers Club have secured the Kellogg Bird Carnival Co for Feb 8 Do not fail to attend

—H C Wells drives a very nobby cutter The only drawback that Harry experiences is lack of snow

—The Rebeckahs of Civilla Lodge will give a dance at the opera house Feb 9 A Klondike lunch will be provided

—Bradford city aldermen are very charitable So much so that they pay the taxes of some of their churches

—The tailor shop of H W Rubin & Co., has been turning out some very nobby suits lately Look out for their spring styles.

—J Colegrove has something to say about underwear in his adv this week His prices are always low and his stock is of good material.

—The railroad earnings in the United States for the last year are 10.5 per cent larger than the year previous, and 1.3 per cent larger than in 1892.

—John Vanblad will either [illegible] Mr Purtle's blacksmith [illegible] John is an excellent mechanic and [illegible] make a success of the [illegible]

—Tom Purtle has pur[illegible] laundry and will take [illegible] Monday As soon as [illegible] he will move the works to St Marys

—Vick's Floral Guide for 1898 is by all odds the finest work ever issued by that popular house If you desire a copy send your name and address to Vick's Sons, Rochester N Y

—It is said that Passe and Maher of the Smethport base ball team have received flattering offers for their services from the Saginaw, Mich team of the International League Both are good players —Era

—The school war in Keating township goes merrily on The question is being thoroughly aired and as long as the disputants maintain a proper bearing toward each other, the MINER will give them space

—Paul Kontach of Williamsport Pa who was arrested last July at Anderson Hill Clinton county, Pa for the murder of little Edna Kritler aged 6 years, was acquitted of the crime at Lock Haven after a trial lasting several days.

—Mesdames T A Morrison, D C Young, G W Mitchell, T F Richmond W H Morrison and Miss Gratz, gave a most enjoyable card and dancing party at the opera house last night An elegant lunch was served at the Wright House

—The Bradford Era came out last Monday in a new and very neat dress The Era is ever up-to-date and is a welcome visitor It has evidently struck an era of prosperity and the MINER wishes that it may continue to flourish as it deserves.

—Those who send communications to the MINER will please bear in mind to write only on one side of the paper Furthermore we wish to state that articles written for the purpose of making a personal attack on anyone will not be tolerated

—Geo P Ebrlm, the popular cigar manufacturer of Dunkirk, will please accept the MINER man's thanks for an Irishman's pencil It is a beaut and no mistake It is a patriotic pencil as well having the nation's colors—red, white and blue

—At St Luke's church on next Sunday evening the Rector will make an address on "Self and the Other Man" The anthem will be Spohr's splendid composition to Psalm 42 vs 1 As Pants the Hart" arranged for solo chorus and soprano obligato solo

—The young folks of Colegrove and vicinity gave a very pleasant surprise party on Jan 14 to Mr and Mrs W L Burdick of Norwich They had a very enjoyable time Supper and dancing were enjoyed with many good wishes for Mr and Mrs Burdick

—The cup of the New York World's humiliation is full Richard Croker having been barred from the Democratic Club on the ground of its low tone —John Smith in Buffalo Express What could be expected when Pulitzer went to monkeying with that yellow kid

—The Bradford Star is so blamed proud of its new dress and takes so much longer to arrange its gay plumage, that it fails to reach the depot in time to make the evening train for Smethport and many are the regrets heard over its non appearance Instead of its being an evening star it becomes a morning star

—The following gentlemen were nominated by the Republicans of Keating township at their primaries last Saturday night Supervisors Frank Fritz and Lawrence Herzog, School Directors, James Bray and G. W Reese, Assessor Matthew Edwards, Judge of Election Asa Champlin, Inspector Fleet Spencer.

—Our town was considerably excited last Saturday night over the rumor flying around that Consul General Fitz Hugh Lee had been assassinated at Havana Cuba Fortunately there was no truth to the story But it clearly demonstrated the fact that there is a very strong feeling in favor of the suffering Cubans in this section

—Charles Lockwood of Kanona Steuben county has three times run away with one woman Twice he has been captured and brought back No effort will now be made to take him into custody again Lockwood is a veteran of the late war and draws pension of $20 a month This money will be paid to his wife —Ceres Mail

—About 16 friends gathered at the home of Mrs R Beckwith last Monday night and tendered that lady a surprise in honor of her 81st birthday The venerable lady had no intimation of the intended raid" hence the surprise was complete An enjoyable evening was spent and the MINER joins with her friends in wishing her many more happy birthdays

—The C L S. C will meet at the home of Mrs A F Church on Tuesday, Jan 25 "Pliny's Day," will be observed with an appropriate program "Roman Life in Pliny's time" Millie Bievergt Medieval Europe," Ida A Shooke "A Biographical Sketch of Tacitus," Mrs. D. L For[illegible] "Pliny's Contemporaries," Mary L Keenan, "A Character Study—Pliny Helen S Morrison

—The loss by fire of Mr Palmer's livery barn was quite a serious affair for the owner but a far more commodious and convenient structure has been erected The MINER man paid a visit to the scene last Monday and was greatly surprised to find such a model building had arisen phoenix like from the ashes of the recent fire Mr Palmer has displayed good judgment in the erection of his new barn It is well lighted, warm and convenient.

—Marcus of Olean the popular dry goods dealer is a freak In his adv. this week he offers to "exchange dry goods and cloaks for money" Any one at all acquainted with the ladies knows that they would never agree to any bargain of that character They are in for bargains and where would you go to find them if not at Marcus' popular store The lady who patronizes his establishment and is so fortunate as to be the purchaser of the 20th cloak, no difference what the price of the garment she happens to select, she is very much surprised by being presented with the garment free of cost

—The party given at the opera house last Thursday night by Mesdames Forrest, Wells and Gifford and the Misses King was by all odds one of the most enjoyable affairs of that character ever given in this town The first part of the evening was devoted to progressive six handed euchre which was much enjoyed by those who participated About 12 o'clock a very fine luncheon was served by the ladies above mentioned When the tables were removed Heath Bro tuned up their instruments and Money Musk Virginia and Opera reels, quadrilles and Sicilian circle were heartily indulged in by those present Talk about your modern dances, why the young people would turn green with envy to see the old veterans of [illegible] years [illegible] cut loose and act like boys of sixteen The MINER, on behalf of many who were present, desires to thank the lady promoters of this most enjoyable old folks party They are anxiously looking for more of them to come along.

—C[illegible] Lodge [illegible] [illegible] won his sp[illegible] yet he Colonel might have said that Gallup won in a gallop.—Record

—The popular furniture dealers of Bradford Messrs Sloan & Ervin of No. 16 Main street have a new "double quarter" advertisement in this issue. This old and reliable house has a large assortment of furniture that they are offering at surprisingly low prices in order to make room for their spring trade When in Bradford do not fail to give them a call. They will be sure to please you

—Last Tuesday afternoon Frank Freeman, Nate Broughton and "Doc" Hazen were hunting on Brennan's hill While walking through a patch of brush, Mr Freeman being in the rear, a twig caught the hammer of his gun causing it to be discharged the load of No 10, bird shot striking Hazen in both legs below the knees. Dr Clark dressed the wounds and states that there is nothing serious.

—The question of electing women as school controllers is being quite extensively discussed in the city of Bradford. The MINER hopes that the new departure will meet with success The women are fully as well if not better qualified to fill these responsible positions than a large portion of the men who are elected. Give the ladies a show and its buttons to red apples that the schools will be improved.

—The special evangelistic services held in the M E church continue with much interest. The pastor urges the acceptance of an apostolic faith Close separation from the world as regards practical life Subjects for next Sabbath In the morning, "The Shining Saint, or the power of a luminous life." In the evening, "The Prodigal Son, or relation of the human will to Christian purpose." A most cordial invitation is extended to all. During the evenings of the week the service will open with singing from the new song book."

A Wedding at St Luke's.

The wedding of Miss Grace McCoy to Dr E R Baker took place at St. Luke's church at noon on Saturday, 15th inst., the Rector Rev J Heber McCandless, officiating The church was decorated in Christmas greens, holly and smilax by the members of the choir of which Miss Grace has been a valuable member for some years The stately reredos was bordered by the use of smilax ferns and lilies the panels on either side of the altar being filled in with holly, while wreaths of the same were hung in the [illegible] and nave. A bell in position to ring was suspended from the Main archway of the rood screen A large congregation assembled in the church some fifteen minutes before the hour of noon during which time Miss Emily McCoy the organist played a choice selection of organ music At twelve o'clock precisely the strains of the beautiful wedding march from Lohengrin were heard and the wedding party came up the broad aisle the ushers leading who were Paul Hamlin Guy Mayo Charles McCoy and Scott Redfield followed by the bridesmaids Miss Alice McCoy and Miss Agnes McCoy, sisters of the bride these being followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her father, and who were met at the chancel steps by the groom and his best man Mr Orlo Hamlin, where the groom received the bride and the first part of the service was performed then advancing to the altar the the latter part of the service was [illegible] and the words pronounced which made the sacramental union and [illegible] the divine blessing The bridal party walked quickly down the aisle to their carriages the great organ pealing out the fine wedding march of Mendelssohn

The bride was attired in a white silk gown without train and wore a white [illegible] which was extremely becoming Her happy expression and composed manner turned all hearts in response and brought many a silent prayer and benediction for the long future of one so universally loved and esteemed in our town The bridesmaids wore gowns of white organdy over blue and over yellow and white hats trimmed with blue and white and yellow and white ostrich feathers Roses in profusion were carried by the bride and the bridesmaids, the colors selected appropriately for the different costumes Dr and Mrs Baker left on the afternoon train for Buffalo and from there went to Pittsburg The good wishes of all go with them through all their journey of life to the end.

Borough Caucus.

Notice is hereby given that the Republican borough caucus will be held in the basement of the court house on Saturday evening, Jan. 22 between the hours of 7 and 9 A general attendance is desired. By order of committeeman,

2-2t E M KERNS

Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds They do not ask you to buy before trying This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors, did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results and are relying on it in most severe cases It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at A B Armstrong & Co's drug store Regular size 50 cents and $1 00.

All Ready for Business.

To the Public

Notwithstanding the total loss of my livery plant by fire on the 11th of December, I am ready for business in a new barn and am prepared to care for the transient trade and also furnish rigs at a moment's notice. Your patronage solicited.

A. T. PALMER.

Jan'y 11, 1898.—2 3t

No Griping or Pains.

Arrowsmith, Ill., Jan 21, 1897.

Dear Sirs:—I have been bothered for 15 years with constipation and I have tried many preparations during that time I commenced using Dr Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the fall of 1895 and unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever found for my trouble No griping or pains after taking Yours, etc., Wm Hurt A B Armstrong & Co.

For Sale.

Forty acres, known as the Aden Housler farm situated on Blacksmith brook, two miles west of Smethport, Keating township McKean Co, Pa., for sale, reserving half royalty on all minerals, oil, gas etc Anyone wishing to make cash offer it will be considered

JOSEPH HOUSLER,
Lock Haven, Pa.

Jan 12, 1898.

Estray Notice.

Came to the premises of A Wicks, at Cyclone Pa., Nov. 7, 1897, a spring calf, color red and white. Owner can have calf by calling and paying cost of keeping and advertising or same will be sold according to law

A. WICKS,

Cyclone, Pa., Jan. 13, 1898.—3 3t

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says "After two doctors gave up my boy to die I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs colds and all throat and lung [illegible] A B Armstrong & Co

When in Olean if you want a first class meal for 25 cents call at the Palm Restaurant, 130 Union street.

[illegible] to pass the portals [illegible]
[illegible] gazed upon an open book
Then shook his head, and said "'twould never do
"I find thou hast done all, or nearly all
The things, you know our righteous laws forbid
The ledger shows thy sins, both great and small
Were not from the recording angel hid.
"And yet it grieves me sorely to refuse
The innate virtue stamped upon thy face
Seems but to argue some obscure excuse.
Which were it known, might be a means of grace,
He sadly turned but then a happy thought,
Like sunshine o'er the warden's features ran
Stay ere thou goest below methinks I ought
To ask you sir wert thou a married man?"
Perhaps a gleam of hope the pilgrim saw
The question's import though he could not guess
But as a drowning man might grasp a straw
Sighed most regretfully and answered "Yes.
Quoth Peter then "This makes thy conduct clear
What, Ho! within there! Set the gates ajar
And haste thee usher seat the stranger here.
Up near the music, where the ransomed are.
"This man was married so, you understand,
He needs a full eternity of rest
And see you that he has at his command
Of all this place can offer but the best'
Another shade, his turn stood waiting by
Thought to himself "My plea will sure suffice"
Then spake "O Warden, thou canst not deny
My right to enter I was married twice."
"Not much the Saint replied," I would but break
One of our ancient and most honored rules,
Permitting me to pardon one mistake
And yet prohibits from admitting fools

CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD
in Buffalo Evening News.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C D Comes visited Kane on business Monday

Orlo J Hamlin visited the oil metropolis Tuesday.

A J. Martin of Jamestown was in town yesterday

Attorney George Roberts of Pittsburg was in town yesterday

C F Newton of Bradford was a guest at the Central yesterday

Howard Merrill of Geneva spent Sunday in town with relatives

John Schobey of Corydon was an agreeable caller Wednesday

F C Olds of Newerf was transacting business in town Wednesday

J W Allen of Coudersport was here in attendance at court Tuesday

E B Dolley of Port Allegany was observed on our streets Wednesday

I H Kilday of Port Allegany was in town on business Monday night

Judge John R Hawney of Glenn was greeting old friends in town yesterday

Miss Belle Abbey is visiting friends in Port Allegany and Burtville this week

Judge A G Olmsted came over from Coudersport to preside at court Monday

Joshua Davis and Attorney John E Mullin of Kane came over last Monday night

Miss Ethel Sartwell of Olean was the guest of Miss Harriet Redfield over Sunday

Atty P B Anderson of Kane came over last Saturday to greet his many old friends

Commissioners Young and Supt Ryan visited Ceres on official business Wednesday

W J Mitchell of Lock Haven was a witness on the suit between Morrison and Seamans

D W F Wheelock of Warren arrived in town Tuesday night and autographed at the Central

J H Tate, W F Butts and J F Keating of Clermont were attending court here Monday

Squire E K Nash came over from Rixford Tuesday to see that court was progressing properly

F W Dunn Dr Robert Hamilton, Bob Pallett and M D Shook visited Bradford yesterday

Mr and Mrs Perry Staats of Pittsburg were guests of Mr and Mrs Chas Latham last week

County Auditor C W Freeman of Kendall Creek was a pleasant caller at this office last Friday

The old veteran Lyman Palmatier of Kinzua was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday

W J Milliken of Bradford came over Monday His lines seem to have fallen in pleasant places

Hon A G Olmsted of Coudersport and Hon Henry Hamlin made a business trip to Pittsburg Tuesday

Mrs Eugene Mullin came over from Bradford yesterday and has been the guest of Mr and Mrs T H Purtle

T J Gilbert of the Mathias Star was a pleasant caller at this office Monday, while in town calling on old friends

Conductor F O Richmond came in on the special train Monday bringing the attorneys from Bradford and Kane

Attorneys W M Lindsey and D I Ball and Surveyor L D Cornelius of Warren were guests at the Central this week.

Mr and Mrs A G McAllister of Colegrove and a sister of Mr McAllister, from Bradford were visiting friends in town on Friday last

Mrs Hannah M Davenport of East Randolph N Y, arrived Saturday afternoon last and spent several days visiting her son W H Morrison

Rev J. Heber McCandless will attend a convocation of the clergy of the Episcopal church next week at Warren The session will last three days

N N Metcalf of Austin, the efficient superintendent of Messrs F H and C W Goodyear's interests, was transacting business in town last Friday

Mesdames Howard Merrill of Geneva, N Y, and J Heber McCandless departed from here yesterday morning for a two weeks visit among New York city friends.

That old war horse of Republican principles, B D Tome of Corydon township was a visitor at the hub this week Mr Tome made a statement that the neck 'o the woods in which he resides was heart and soul for Hon C. W. Stone of Warren for Governor Well those sentiments meet with the hearty approval of this section

Robert Pallett starts for Klondike Saturday morning He will very likely join the John Mullin party from Bradford Bob certainly ought to be able to endure the hardships of the trip The MINER wishes the big hearted adventurer a safe and prosperous trip, and hopes he may safely return and enjoy the comforts of his earnings.

F F Brown of Eldred was in town on business Monday He reports everything moving along quite prosperously in that town He says the tannery has kept running and the reduction that was made in wages two years ago has been replaced, and with the cutlery works recently erected makes quite lively times in that borough

Dr Robert Hamilton will leave next Saturday for his former home in Canada for a short visit, and from there will go to the Klondike country He is physically able to endure the hardships of that rigorous climate The MINER, with a host of warm friends, regrets the departure of the genial doctor, but wishes him abundant success and hope he will be able to return soon, loaded down with filthy lucre

George Stover, formerly of Erie, now of Pittsburg, and by the way, one of the best salesmen and character impersonators on the road, has taken up the millinery business with his other avocations. Last Saturday he forgot his sample case containing a fine assortment of ladies hats and left it at the Wright House, but Conrade sent the porter up with them in time for the train and George was happy again.

Erie Messenger "W. H Morrison, the handsome Deputy Prothonotary of McKean county, was the guest of Dr. Allen of Wesleyville, and Erie friends last week, leaving for his home in Smethport Wednesday afternoon. Mr Morrison was an Erie county resident and he met many of his old friends during his brief visit. Well "Old Bill," who [illegible] of that kind of a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] manner as [illegible] articles will show.

The article in [illegible] was published in the Port Allegany Reporter some time ago The writer signed real name and address to the article and expected it to be printed, but the office cat or devil substituted a nom de plume At the request of a prominent citizen the MINER reprinted it. At the time the article was written the new school house, popularly known as "Snow Bound," on the top of John McKernan's hill, was vacant, school being held in the Reed Hollow school house

Permit me to suggest that hereafter the real name and address of the writers of all articles published in the MINER on school matters be printed I appear in print on behalf and at the request of the gentlemen "Non I" designates as "sore heads" Please print my name and address, as I make no statement I cannot substantiate in court if need be

"Non I" asks how it is that anybody has to walk three miles to school We have measured the distance and I believe the exact distance to be 2¾ miles from the residence of G W Rees to the new school house Mr Rees has five children of school age, four attend the "snow bound school" His two daughters have frozen their feet in doing so Mr Rees resides nearer Frisbee school but that school is badly crowded, there being not even desk room for them there Children are now seated so near the stove that the chart used as a screen is getting scorched There are over 50 on the roll at Frisbee school Do the directors keep within the law when they refuse to open another school here? Eminent educators have decided that 30 children is the maximum number the average teacher can successfully handle, when the children are of all ages and grades. When well graded more can be handled.

The "sore heads" whose constitutional rights to life, liberty and happiness, "Non I" so bitterly resents, never objected to the consolidating of the schools provided the directors furnish transportation as Royal Ellis promised some of the "sore heads" he would What they resent is the abandonment of three good school houses, and the building of a new school house in an inconvenient position on, in winter, untraveled roads The location of this school house, so well termed "snow bound," has never been equaled since the well known Virginian statesman built a saw mill, run by wind power, on the top of a similar hill He took a friend up to view the mill extolling the fact that there was always a breeze blowing there "True, said his friend, "very true but how are you going to get the logs up

What has made the heads of these petitioners sore is studying how to get their children to the snow bound school on time The children have petitioned the school board for hand sleds so they can at least ride home down hill the big boys pledging themselves to draw the girls up The parents have petitioned the school board for transportation which the law allows But the school board makes no response Will they "die and make no sign?" All that is left for us to do is in common with all other travelers over John McKernan's hill, to view that school house with our eyes but with [illegible] our brains behind our eyes What we see is this If a man should build a barn where that school house stands and drive his cattle twice a day to water the distance the children in Kent, Reed and Stickles Hollows have to walk, we know (and our brains are still behind our eyes) that that man would be prosecuted for cruelty to animals"

Time and again the petitioning "sore heads" have plead with the school board to adopt either of the following plans

First unite the Lush Hill school and the Reed Hollow school the Stickles Hollow scholars crossing the hill by a by path to Reed Hollow

Second, unite the Reed Hollow and Kent Hollow schools, moving Kent Hollow school house to a new location at the head of Kent Hollow Wm Caskey offered to move and building for $100

Third build an addition to the Frisbee school put in two teachers and send Kent Hollow children there

All these plans the school board ignored and built a new school house with the tax payers hard earned money "How wonderfully willing some forms of humanity are to squander money 'out of some other persons pocket'"

We respectfully inquire if their brains were behind their eyes when they built that school house against the wishes of the taxpayers The writer has taken pains to inform herself as to the question whether the schools in Eldred, Annin or Liberty townships are lower in grade than in Keating township The fact is the fitness of teachers is not gauged by the wages they receive Teachers in all these townships are doing good work "Interested" never proposed to lower teachers wages, but particularly declared "Economy in the wages is poor economy" Right here let the writer note for the benefit of teachers and tax payers that Bert Frisbee, tax collector of Keating township, declares that he will turn over to the school board enough taxes, in his opinion, to pay all indebtedness and running expenses It will therefore not be not be necessary to levy a special building tax Extra 2, 3 or even 13 mill building taxes are not, as "Non I" seems to argue, regarded by farmers and unseated land owners, as personal favors

The writer in common with the tax payers wishes to pay teachers just as large wages as our finances will permit

"Interested" on Jan 17 visited the new school house and discovered that there have never been 25 scholars on the roll For the month of December, 22 pupils were enrolled average attendance 18 For first two weeks in January twenty two pupils were enrolled, average attendance 15 Seven children are at home too small to walk so far "Interested" furthermore declares that "Non I" ventures out of his depth when he says "Interested" has not been inside a school house three times in three years during a session of school Perhaps "Non I" is a school director which accounts for the fact that "Interested" has never met him in the numerous schools she has visited during the last seventeen years

Now it is not the payment of high wages that elevates the standard of teaching, but it is First, support of teachers and interest in school affairs by patrons. Second, well educated and honest school directors Third, a progressive county superintendent It is a fact that the tax payers have always supposed the county superintendent to be a superintending principal with a continued system How is it Mr Myers? It is a fact that not one of the signers of that petition to the best of the writers knowledge have been in the habit of boarding teachers, nor do they desire to board teachers. The writer never boarded but two teachers, both personal friends, who assisted in the house work toward their board It is true that the signers of the petition worked at the polls to elect all of the school board But not this year, gentlemen! They saw then with their eyes, but now with their brains also And any time the school board wishes, they are ready to go before the court "with what they have seen and what they know"

MARIE E. RICE,
(Kent Hollow) Corryville, Pa

Another Mistake"

The recent declaration of the school board of Keating township that they intended abandoning the numerous small schools of said township and building new and large school houses five miles apart has aroused a storm of opposition

The above along with several reasons why they should not be abandoned appeared in the MINER of Jan 14, signed Fair Play

This we declare to be a downright falsehood the school board never made any such declaration and if "Fair Play" was as much interested in finding out the truth and knowing what he is talking about, as he is in other personal canvasses, mentioned in his letter he might visit the office of the school board where he would be perfectly welcome to listen to all that was said and by a few minutes glancing over the records, would see that no such action has ever been taken

One reason why "Fair Play" would not have this move made is because "The existing school houses represent the investment of a large amount of capital and could not be sold for one-tenth of their cost.

Now if "Fair Play" will take into consideration the fact that three members of the present board pay an aggregate school tax of $100 a year, the other three also paying large taxes, he ought to know that they do not need any advice in that line.

The present school board does not promise that "no schools in Keating township shall be abandoned," but they do promise that they will do their duty as school directors [illegible] threats.

PLAY FAIR.

[illegible] has the best Robes and [illegible] show them and

A[illegible] This is the first occur[illegible] of th[illegible] record. The meeting was a [illegible] quiet one The report of the board of health was submitted and read and shows that at present the city is in a very healthy condition There were last year 157 deaths, a decrease of 43 over the year before. No business of importance was transacted

A peculiar incident took place at the Toad Hollow school at the little village by that name a few miles above this city last Monday The whole school consisting of 40 pupils and the teacher, Miss Brinton were taken simultaneously ill very suddenly Some of the children were very sick all day and no cause can be assigned for the strange occurrence The gas connections are all right and everybody is puzzling their brains for a solution of the mystery

The Pompeion Club met last week on Friday evening instead of Saturday evening as heretofore. The Salvation Army was the subject for discussion and Ensign Terrill of the local brigade made the opening speech Several well known and popular ministers of this city and Rev Bull of Philadelphia spoke in commendation of the army and its work J M McClure arraigned them in cutting language but did no serious damage

Several coasting accidents have occurred this winter and various persons have been more or less bruised by falling on icy sidewalks A young lady fell on Mechanic street Sunday evening and was unconscious from the fall for some time The next afternoon Mr Lawton fell on the same street and broke one of the small bones in his leg The walks and pavements are in a wretched condition and should be attended to

Republican caucuses were held one week ago Thursday in this city and the Democratic primaries were held last Saturday night Strong tickets were nominated in both cases and much interest is being taken in the coming election The Republican county committee had a most harmonious meeting at the St James Saturday afternoon They are and strong for C W Stone for governor

The latest fad among society folks is the Hobo Luncheon The food is served on tin plates, coffee or whatever beverage drunk is given in tin cans Red bandanas serve as napkins and the guests are supposed to come all tattered and torn It is said that a Bradford hostess is to entertain her friends in this [illegible] manner

The women of this city are becoming very much interested in the coming elections and several of our best known women are contemplating entering the lists as school controllers. Mrs. Adelaide M Washburn of Corydon street has been nominated for the office of school controller in the First ward on the Prohibition ticket

Frank Brown a young lad of the Sixth ward had a narrow escape from death by poison last Saturday night Young Brown took by mistake for cough medicine a teaspoonful of tincture of iodine. He immediately saw his mistake and ran for assistance which was given promptly and his life saved

Miss Genevieve Weaver of this city sang in Pittsburg Jan 1, before a large audience. it being her initial appearance in concert with Ethelbert Nevin whose works she interprets The Pittsburg press were unanimous in their praises of Miss Weaver's singing

Mary Elizabeth Lease the famous orator and politician spoke to a small audience at the Church of Eternal Hope Saturday night Her subject was "Christ or Caesar" Sunday night at the same church a large congregation listened to the same speaker tell of Ireland, her poets and heroes.

Chas H DuBois left Monday evening for New York en route for Europe where he recently purchased a string of speedy and [illegible] horses which he will enter in races [illegible]

Cal Watson and Earl Emery of this city F F Andrews of Marthas [illegible] George White of Titusville left this city Monday afternoon for Buffalo en route for the Alaskan gold fields

A large number of Bradfordians were in Smethport the past week attending argument court

ANNIN CREEK

J Holmes and Mr Boyd of Bradford were in town a couple of days last week The way of the politician must seem very hard indeed when he is trying to hurry through the country with a horse and cutter or bare ground

Mrs Jas Wood of Rixford is spending a few days with friends in this place

Prof L K Foote was over from Glenn Saturday

Chas Wandover drove to Port Allegany Thursday

A J Buckley of Canisteo is in town at this writing

Will Wandover has gone to Lock Haven to school

F R Buckley went to Richburg Saturday

RIDERVILLE.

A number of Mt. Alton young people enjoyed the sleighing Tuesday evening by coming to this place to attend a concert.

Mrs. Luke and Mrs Gaffney of Guffy were in town on business one day last week

Miss Jennie Bowen of North Bend was in town Friday organizing a music class

Wm Briggs and wife were calling on friends in Guffy last Tuesday evening

Bernan Tubbs of Mt. Alton was a regular attendant at the singing class

Mrs. John Simpson had business in Bradford Friday and Saturday

Wm McGowan returned from Port Allegany Monday

J C Duell visited Bradford Friday

LARABEE

The oyster supper Friday evening for the purpose of raising funds to enlarge the Larabee hall was a decided success, both socially and financially

Miss Ethel Black of Slack Hollow was a guest of the family of our genial landlord Chas Adams, during Saturday and Sunday

Mrs W H Prentiss and daughter Rhoba were calling on friends in Smethport Thursday

Mr and Mrs Foot of Turtle Point are guests at the home of J C Crandall

John Kent of Coryville was in town Tuesday

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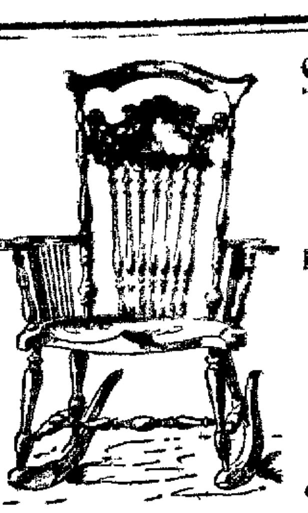
H J Brennan, Cashier vs. The Mt Jewett Flint Glass Co.	No. 44, Dec Term, 1897 E. D No. 18, Dec Term, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the auditor appointed by the above Court, to make distribution of the fund paid into Court in above case, will meet all persons interested for the purpose of his appointment on Monday, the 21st day of Febr[illegible] 1898 at [illegible] o'clock a m at his office in [illegible] Smethport [illegible] county [illegible] when [illegible] or said fund [illegible] [illegible] the said [illegible]

[illegible] Auditor



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[illegible] UNDER THE BOW.

[illegible]
When Fuslin draws the bow!

[illegible]
When the boys jes' stamp as they "sashay off"
An Fuslin draws the bow!

[illegible]
An Fuslin draws the bow!

[illegible]
I'll dance a jig-ity jo,
[illegible]
W' Fuslin draws that bow!
—J. L. Heaton in "Quilting Bee."

A DRAMA OF THE SEA.

Deeply touched and still quivering with emotion, I write these lines.

Misty and full of terrors are the sea [illegible] on this island, that is [illegible] rightly named the "beautiful."

Its humble and courteous inhabitants are divided into two distinct classes—farmers and fishermen.

The former plant wheat, corn, oats and potatoes.

The latter catch the sweet flashed [illegible], sardines and lobsters.

[illegible] farmers nor fishermen ever [illegible], and meat is almost unknown in their homes.

The people are, therefore, far from [illegible], the women especially being tender and delicate, with straight noses, [illegible], graceful necks and a slow, aristocratic carriage.

The men are of medium height and well built, but lack the vigor characterizing the peasants of Normandy.

The islanders are proud and never beg. A careful observer cannot fail to notice that among the many wrinkles which give character to their faces those written by laughter are wanting.

Both men and women have a serious and melancholy air, and their foreheads seem burdened with sad memories or a certain [illegible]. Has not each one a father, a brother, or a son on the malignant water that lies out there—out there—encircling the island everywhere as far as the eye can reach?

Here these people have lived for centuries surrounded by a moving, agitated cemetery that smiles so alluringly and at the same time so savagely.

Occasionally the laughter of a child in one of the huts bubbles out toward its mother working in the fields. Her face lightens up for a moment, but she dare not seem happy, for as she turns there lies the sea, and its waves sob as they roll at her feet.

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Yesterday there stood near me a dainty little girl of 12. She shaded her eyes with one hand in order to watch as long as possible her brother, who was walking down the street leading to the harbor of Bordery. Soberly as a matron she called after him: 'Be careful of yourself and do not take cold. Au revoir! Good catch!'

The boy disappeared, and his sister returned to arrange her little household for the home coming of both her brothers, as the three were orphans to whom the state paid a small pension.

The girl was dressed in mourning. Father and Mother Gonenantin having died two years before—he in the hospital after 12 days of cruel suffering caused by the poisonous sting of a fish, she a few days later from consumption and grief.

Yes, there they lived, the three orphans. The elder brother, aged 16, had arisen at daybreak to be ready for his share of [illegible], and the other, a lad of 15, was just to depart with his cousin Pierre-Marie to catch lobsters.

The three companions, Pierre-Marie Gonenantin, Eugene Gonenantin the orphan, and Michel Sameun, boarded a little boat, L'Enfant du Desert, hoisted the pale blue sail and disappeared.

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The heavens were slightly misty, the wind came out of the west, and I, sitting on the rocks, looked before me, dreaming the endless dreams born of the changeless yet ever changing sea as one gazes into its depths, full of charm and mystery.

Suddenly [illegible] caused me to turn my head and look about.

A flock of screaming sea gulls flying above me had attracted my attention. I was just about to leave the rocks when new cries reached my ears. These were piercing and broken like the sobs of a child. I arose and, looking toward the island where the lighthouse of Poulains stands, saw Mother Le Pelletier the wife of the lighthouse keeper down on her knees, waving her handkerchief, [illegible] and calling for help.

Fishermen, busy in the neighborhood, [illegible] the women just as I did. In a few moments the little island was crowded with people.

What a painful, what a terrifying spectacle!

Opposite the point of the island, 600 meters from land, lay the boat L'Enfant du Desert capsized. Her sails were under water, and on her keel, which was in the air, clung Eugene Gonenantin, the orphan. His face was as pale as a winding sheet, his eyes were closed, and his head, a plaything for the waves, swayed from right to left. With my [illegible] I could follow the entire development of the tragedy.

The child had become helpless and was just about to loosen his hold of the [illegible]. Right near him lay Michel Sameun, clutching the edge of the keel and crying continually for help. [illegible] the death struggle, was gently covered by the waves [illegible] over him, as if reluctant to surrender their prey.

A hundred meters from them Pierre-Marie Gonenantin disappeared in the water, the boat's oar under his shoulders but, strong and vigorous as he was, he swam with a cry of joy, for he had seen Father Le Pelletier coming. The lighthouse keeper, hearing the cries for help, had jumped into his boat and pushed from the shore without waiting for any of his companions for fear of being too late.

He was obliged to round the point.

"Courage! Hold fast!" called Michel Sameun to the little sailor hanging to the keel. "Courage! Father Le Pelletier is here, our gallant deliverer."

Then on came a wave, a sheer wall of water, with a foaming crest, and [illegible] the boat. When it had spent itself, Michel raised his head and looked about—the keel was empty. Far away the waves were now rolling, and in its [illegible] bosom it held the orphan boy. Finally it disappeared in a whirl of water, boiling and swirling in a horrible [illegible] for their victim.

The sun just then pierced the fog and shone dimly on the raging, tumultuous sea. In the meantime Father Le Pelletier had rescued Pierre-Marie Gonenantin, and then rowed to the place where [illegible] occurred. Great tears rolled [illegible] the weather stained cheeks of the brave lighthouse keeper, as with inexpressible tenderness he loosened Michel Sameun's cramped hands from the [illegible].

[illegible] quarters of an hour the [illegible] had struggled with the [illegible], with the waves that had [illegible] violently for the last 20 [illegible]. Michel's fingers were [illegible] Father Le Pelletier drew him [illegible] and placed him next to [illegible] now certain that [illegible] the lighthouse keeper made for the island where Mother Le Pelletier was waiting with dry underclothing, stockings, shoes and coats, while my maid had prepared a drink of hot wine.

Finally Le Pelletier stepped on shore and the two poor shipwrecked mariners followed. The pilot shook the former by both hands, saying over and over

"Brave fellow brave fellow! Another rescue added to your long list."

"Oh," answered Le Pelletier, pale with sorrow and in a bitter tone, "a life has been lost!" And, although worn out and wet to the skin, he assisted the two fishermen, whose teeth were chattering, into some dry clothing.

Michel Sameun could not open his hands, so swollen were they. They hung down limp as the hands of the dead and seemed to be clutching something invisible.

Pierre-Marie, the older—this was his second shipwreck—recovered first. With half suppressed anger he looked at the sea and cursed it. Then in taking off his soaked wool jacket he felt his watch. He held it to his ear. "It did not stop," he exclaimed, tapping the lid lightly. "It is a very good watch."

When the sailors were dressed again and somewhat warmed by the wine, they asked about their boat. A deep flush spread over Pierre-Marie's face when he heard that the pilot, Alexandre, had saved it. Although the sailors' limbs were still trembling and their hair stiff and wet from the salt water they at once stepped into the vessel, hoisted sail and steered for the pretty harbor of Bordery. Some one must tell "la petite Gonenantin."

I took the road and arrived at the same time. The murmurs of the sympathetic crowd was the first premonition the little girl had that something was wrong. She came out of her door, still dressed in black, her restless little head covered with a white coif. She saw the farmers and fishermen form into a group. She knew they were pitying her as they turned aside their heads. She could hear the "alas, alas!" which the wind carried to her.

A nameless fear urged the girl forward to meet the crowd. With pale face and eyes wide open with horror the child understood at once when she saw the two fishermen alone. She fled back home, calling out in tones broken by grief. "He is dead! He is dead!" This was her message to the unseen dwellers there.

He is dead! He is dead! Dead without confession!" she cried and fell down before the black crucifix that hung on the white wall.

He is dead! He is dead!" she whispered kneeling on the floor, her head pressed against the stones, her arms spread out toward the crucifix.

And the crowd of fishermen and farmers stood on the doorsill. They held their hats in their hands. They did not speak. They found no word of comfort.

And I—I was in their midst, one of them.—From the French of Sara Bernhardt For Chicago Times Herald.

EXPERIMENT IN DETECTION.

The Crossing Policeman Is as Wise as Solomon When Necessary.

The policeman who maintains life and order at the meeting of two down town streets must be possessed of considerable judgment. He must know when to make a hole in the wall, so to speak, through the mass of vehicles and let a portion of the surging humanity go through. He must know how to do several things at once—to at the same time chat pleasantly with a lady friend of his, tell a woman from the suburbs where the streets she's on is and pull a couple of old gentlemen from the jaws of cable cars, and, what is more surprising most of the down town force can do this, and, what is truly astonishing, nearly all do it in a gentlemanly manner and keep their tempers well.

It is not infrequently that an officer is found who can do all this and more too. At one of the most prominent cross streets there is a policeman who is a close second to the caliph that decided the ownership of an infant in his own highly original way. Among many instances where his acumen has played a particular part is one that happened a day or so ago. It concerned a bicycle. The latter was left by its rider against the curb. A few minutes later a young man approached it. The policeman in question had not seen the owner get off the machine but he thought the new comer looked a trifle suspicious. The chain and sprocket wheel of the bicycle had been secured together by a padlock. When the young man in question began to carry the wheel off instead of unlocking it he felt it was about time to act.

"Do you own that bicycle?" he said to the young man.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Where's your key, then?" was his next.

"I've lost it." That settled it.

"Say now," continued the policeman, "will you give me your name and address?"

The young man seemingly did not want to make any trouble. He hesitated for a moment and then said, "Why, yes, if you want it."

"And now," continued the policeman, after he had it, "you know the case looks strange, and you know we have so many bikes lost, would you mind waiting 15 minutes to see if any one else should come after that wheel?"

"No, I guess not," said the young man. Then he leaned back on a railing and began to wait. After he had been there three or four minutes the policeman said "Well, I guess it's all right. You can go." And then, turning to a bystander, he remarked, "You can bet your next month's pay he wouldn't have stood there if it wasn't his."—Chicago Times-Herald.

BRAINS EQUAL TO COURAGE.

The Cat Rescued, but the Stout Woman Was Not Satisfied.

It was a damp day, but the crowd stood and watched the black cat as it mewed plaintively and clung to the trailing vine three stories above the street in front of a four story brown stone dwelling. A long wire supported the vine, nearly reaching the roof. The cat, in a sportive mood evidently, had climbed the long vine and at the third story stopped, as if fright had paralyzed further efforts. Every minute it mewed, and its appeal for help collected a crowd. A large woman said

"Why don't some one climb up there and release that cat?"

"Suppose you try it, madam," chirped a dapper little man, who looked upon the affair as a joke.

"Well, if I had your small heft I would climb that vine. Men never do anything dangerous these days."

"Oh, yes they do, madam! They catch cold, drink too much and stay out late at their lodges."

She gave the little man a look and ejaculated "You think you are smart, don't you? You can talk, but you can't rescue even a cat."

"You do me wrong. Watch me rescue that cat even at the peril of being insulted. Do not be frightened. I go, but I will return." He ran across the street as the large woman shouted, "He is going to climb!" He rang the doorbell of the house, and when the servant girl appeared he pointed to the cat above. The door closed, and a few minutes later a window in the third story opened, and the girl, reaching her arm out, caught the cat and took it in. The crowd cheered, and the dapper man bowed, but the large woman said contemptuously

"Men have no courage. They get women to rescue cats."—New York Commercial.

The region between the first and second cataracts of the Nile is the hottest on the globe. It never rains there, and the natives do not believe foreigner who tell them that water can descend from the sky.

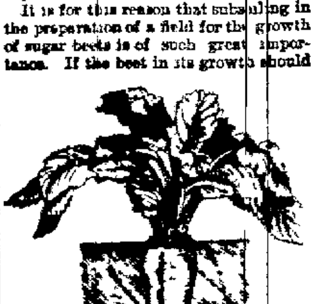
FARM AND GARDEN

BEETS FOR SUGAR

Important Factors in Preparing the Land For This Crop.

It is important not only that a sugar beet should be of a [illegible] and shape but also that it [illegible] such a manner as to [illegible] the soil for all of its parts except the neck and foliage. The proper position for a beet to occupy in the soil at the end of growth is shown in the accompanying illustration. This position can only be secured for the beet by growing it in a soil sufficiently pervious to permit of the penetration of the taproot to a great depth.

It is for this reason that subsoiling in the preparation of a field for the growth of sugar beets is of such great importance. If the beet in its growth should meet a practically impervious subsoil at the depth of eight or ten inches, the taproot will be deflected from its natural course lateral roots will be developed, the beet will become disfigured and distorted in shape, and the upper portion of it will be pushed out of the ground. Experience has shown that the content of sugar in those portions of a beet which are pushed above the soil is very greatly diminished.



CORRECT POSITION OF MATURE BEET

Professor Wiley, in a farmers' bulletin issued by the agricultural department, says on the subject of preparing the land for beets: Beets should follow wheat or other cereal crop, because this crop, being harvested early, leaves the ground ready for late autumn plowing, a prerequisite to successful beet culture. The land should be plowed to a depth of at least nine inches. The plow in each furrow should be followed by a subsoiler which will loosen the soil to the depth of six or seven inches more.

Each field should have the soil prepared by thoroughly loosening it to the depth of from 15 to 18 inches. The land, being exposed through the winter, becomes quite mellowed, and in the spring can be prepared for planting by a simple treatment of the surface. This is done after plowing by a thorough surface cultivation until the surface of the soil is reduced to perfect tilth.

It is desirable that each portion of the field to be planted should be thoroughly prepared immediately before the planting takes place. Thus all weeds and grasses which have started to grow are killed and the beets have an even chance with the weeds for growth.

The Hardy Fulcaster Wheat.

The Fulcaster, now being spoken of with universal commendation, is a hardy and prolific wheat. Here is what the Denver Field and Farm says about it.

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American Mutton.

Formerly the Englishman's criticism on American mutton was that it wasn't fit to eat, it tasted too strongly of wool. Perhaps this criticism was merited, for the American shepherd had been breeding for wool and not for mutton. But with the depression in wool came a change, and those breeders who were not frightened out of the business entirely paid more attention to mutton breeds, so that a great improvement in this direction has been manifest. It is to be hoped that the improved outlook for wool will not cause the neglect of the mutton breeds, for there will always be a good home demand for good mutton while there is likely at almost any time to be a period of depression in the wool market. Don't give up the mutton sheep is advice given by Rural New Yorker.

Killing Pork Early.

After severe cold weather begins, though the appetite of fattening hogs improves, they need so much of the carbon in their food to furnish heat that a much smaller part of it can go to make fat. There is very rarely any profit in keeping fattening hogs after the first of the new year. During the holidays there is a glut of fresh meats in market, so that pork does not sell so well as it does either earlier or later. But it is often late in spring before pork makes much advance over what it was early. This advance the farmer can get as well by putting his pork in the barrel instead of keeping it on the hoof eating grain without enough gain in weight to pay for it.—American Cultivator.

The Birth of the "Greater" New York.

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Some Examples of the [illegible] of [illegible]

As our alphabet [illegible] after 6 000 years of [illegible] string of [illegible] and affords as [illegible] for tormentors [illegible] not express [illegible] plagued with [illegible]. The confusion of [illegible] ters is well illustrated [illegible] fee without [illegible]—which spelling [illegible] than the one in [illegible] printed in Oxford [illegible] ture of the Drink [illegible]

The artistically bad [illegible] many of our funny writers [illegible] sible by the glaring [illegible] of our alphabet. But some instances of naturally funny bad spelling are perhaps equal to any artificial ones. Here is a note that was sent to a doctor

Or—Yo o oblige me if you kum an cee me I hev a Bad kowd am Hill an hev lost my Happy T gh.

The following, received by a school master, was likely to be misunderstood

Sir—As you are a man of nolege I intend to inter my son in your skull.

Here is a bill sent to a gentleman.

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Pade—J Jaxs.

The items are not apothecaries' articles, as might be supposed, but merely "a horse half a day and a taking on him home again."

Many eccentric devices of literature depend on the peculiar arrangement of letters. Some of them have fine sounding names and are recognized as famous recreations of the learned. The palindrome, which is a line that reads alike backward and forward, is one of the most difficult of all feats of letter juggling and has engaged the attention of the world's cleverest brains.

When [illegible] was asked by an English [illegible] he thought he could have [illegible] London and replied "Able was I ere I saw Elba"—the most skillful palindrome on record. Run the letters of the reply backward if you would test it. A famous Latin example is the lawyers' motto, "Si Nummi immunis." The following sentence is not only a palindrome, but extraordinary in other respects "Sator arepo tenet opera rotas."

This spells the same backward and forward, all the first letters of the words spell the first word, the second letters of the word spell the second word, and so on through the third fourth and fifth. The last letters spell the last word, the next to the last of each word spell the next word, and so on to the beginning.—London Mail.

ENGLISH STUFFINGS.

Recipes Which the Sender Says Are Excellent and Not Found In Books.

Here is a recipe for turkey and chicken stuffing which the sender says is very different in its results from those given in the cookbooks

Crumble or grate the inside of a stale loaf or more of baker's bread, either a round loaf or milk bread. Add pepper and salt, the grated rind of a lemon and to a loaf half the juice, to 2 loaves, all of it, a bit of grated nutmeg, a handful each of fine-cut parsley leaves and fine white celery leaves, thyme, sweet marjoram and summer savory, using the leaves in preference to the ground and twice the quantity of thyme as of the marjoram or savory. Mix all together, dry and fill the crops, putting all the remainder into the bodies of the fowl. As the filling is being done add small pieces of good butter which, together with the proper basting, will give the dressing sufficient moisture.

This dressing is also excellent for roast leg of pork when you do not want to simulate duck or goose with it.

"The recipe for the good old English stuffing for ducks or geese," the sender adds, "I never saw in our cookbooks and do not find it used upon my neighbors' tables. People stuff these birds with soft bread and mush."

This is the old recipe for stuffing for geese, ducks or a leg of pork

Take equal parts of parboiled potatoes cut into small square cubes and onions cut up. Season by adding pepper and salt and sage leaves crumbed up. Prepare enough of the mixture to fill the pork or birds with it and to lay some of it under them in the roasting pan. Keep this extra filling under the birds. Dish it separately and serve it at the table with the rest.—New York Sun.

Pure Water and New Boilers.

The corrosive power of pure water on new or unscaled boilers was well illustrated in the city of Glasgow when a new water supply was introduced from Loch Katrine, one of the purest waters in the world which are available for city consumption. The former supply had been poor and calcareous, and old boilers were much coated with lime scale. To the dismay of the users those who had put in new boilers or new tubes found them rapidly corroding, while the old scaled and coated boilers remained as before. Those, too, who had removed every possible trace of old incrustation from their old boilers by mechanical or chemical means, intending thus to get, as they expected, the full benefit of pure water, were also badly troubled by corrosion, and even the old boilers as the scale was gradually removed by the unvaryingly soft and pure water from the lake were more or less corroded when no means were taken to prevent it.

After the Elopement.

Artie—Darling, you have no idea how anxious I was while you were coming down the rope ladder. I was so afraid you had not fastened it securely above.

Susie—You needn't have been alarmed, dear. Papa tied the knot for me.—Pick Me Up.

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[illegible]

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[illegible] to believe, from [illegible] information by M [illegible] explode [illegible] influenced by solely im[illegible] that he [illegible] real life.

[illegible] as follows. The duelists were Jules Brame, a former minister of [illegible] instruction under the second empire and M D D, a well known journalist on the staff of one of the most influential newspapers in the north of France. When the duel occurred, both were studying for the bar. One Shrove Tuesday they, in company with friends, had repaired to a restaurant on the Boulevard with a view of enjoying a good dinner and afterward of going to the masquerade ball at the Opera. They all agreed to go as Pierrots. As they all wore masks some one suggested that they should adopt some distinctive sign by which they could recognize one another in the crowd. D. D [illegible] that they should pin a label [illegible] number to their backs. The [illegible] was unanimously adopted, and D D [illegible] the labels accordingly. [illegible] a diabolical idea came into his head. It was carnival time. [illegible] a little joke! When [illegible] Jules Brame's turn to [illegible] his back, his [illegible] D D [illegible] a large [illegible] "I am Jules Brame." [illegible] was the [illegible]. No sooner had Brame set foot in the main passage to the [illegible] than he was followed by a lady wearing a mask, who, on his preparing to enter a private box, cried out, "I wish you success, Jules Brame." Later on on re-entering the passage, he was surrounded by a group of masqueraders, who with one voice shouted out, "Good day, my dear Brame." That proved to him that he was known to every one, although he was puzzled to understand how it could be.

Passing in front of a box opener, the girl burst out laughing. He inquired angrily what she was laughing at. "Why," she replied, "I am laughing at the funny idea which led you to pin a label on your back with your name on it." And, suiting the action to the word, she unpinned the label and handed it to him.

Jules Brame considered the joke not only in bad taste, but insulting. He sought out his comrade, and finding him in the saloon he reproached him angrily in the hearing of the crowd, insisting that he should apologize openly then and there. D D, resenting his friend's attitude toward him, declined to apologize. A duel therefore in accordance with French habits and customs was inevitable. Swords were at once chosen [illegible] procured and in the [illegible] the antagonists started for the Bois de Boulogne. Fortunately [illegible] end fatally [illegible] the case in Gerome's picture, for, although Brame ran his sword right through D D's body, no vital organ was touched. He recovered very quickly, and the two antagonists became fast friends again.—Westminster Gazette.

A Paradox

"Her entire fortune was spent educating her."

"Yes."

"Yes, she cost so much that she was finally worth nothing, you see."—Detroit Journal.

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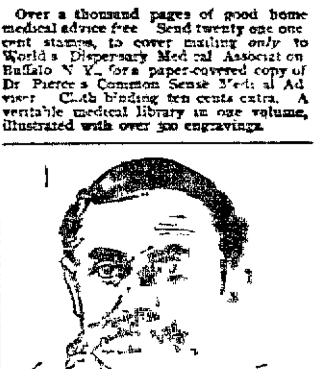

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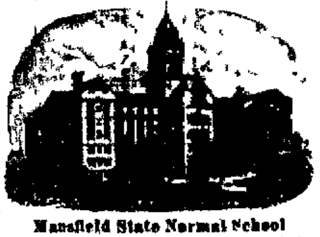

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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD

[illegible] Train [illegible] weekdays for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible], New York [illegible], Baltimore [illegible], Washington [illegible]. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

[illegible] p. m.—Train [illegible] weekdays for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] New York [illegible] Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

[illegible] p. m.—Train [illegible] daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.52 a. m. New York [illegible] week days [illegible] Washington [illegible]. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD

5 10 a. m.—Train [illegible] weekdays for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and principal intermediate stations.

10 0[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible] daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

6.20 p. m.—Train [illegible] weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH

[illegible]

[illegible]

Connections are made with train [illegible] leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie [illegible] p. m. and at Ridgway with train [illegible] leaving Ridgway at [illegible] for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. [illegible] Gen. Pass. Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after June [illegible] passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND

6.50 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

12.30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

[illegible] p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND

7 45 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

7 41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets good for passage between all stations at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agent, Rochester N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE

Took effect Monday June 15th 1896.

			STATIONS			
			Keating			
			Cowley Junc.			
			Austin			
			Costello			
			Wharton			
			Logue			
			Hull			
			Cross Fork Jc			
			Carbonado			
			Oxilion			

[illegible] Train Master. [illegible] Gen. Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R. Time Table to take effect Monday [illegible]

			STATIONS			
			Ulysses			
			[illegible] wells			
			Newfield			
			Coudersport			
			Hammond			
			Olmsted			
			Mina			
			Knowlton			
			Port Allegany			

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect [illegible]

LEAVE SMETHPORT

8 [illegible] A. M.—Mail and Express [illegible] Sunday for [illegible] Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett [illegible] with [illegible] Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10 00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

[illegible] P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane [illegible] Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington [illegible] Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport [illegible] day at 9.25 a. m., 4.25 [illegible]

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen Pass Agent, Bradford Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m. Monday, August 1, 1896.

South		Stations		North
		Clermont		
		Clermont Tank		
		Wildwood		
		North Fork		
		Bay Fork		
		Gray Gables		
		St. Marys		
		Kaul		
		Hetsch		
		Grill		
		Lillian		
		Laine		
		Centreville		
		Dagus Crossing		
		Hickory Summit		
		Cuneo		
		Thompson		
		Cory		
		Brandy Camp		
		[illegible]		
		Hyde		
		Shawmut		

NOTICE.

The Commissioners and supervisors [illegible] Keating and adjoining [illegible] I am now [illegible] to furnish from [illegible] bridges [illegible] of dupl. [illegible] bridge [illegible]

A. RAHN, [illegible]